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**Suspect charged in Hines Park sexual assault**

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 29-year-old Westland man accused of posing as a photographer and sexually assaulting an 18-year-old woman in Hines Park was arraigned Friday afternoon on multiple felony charges and jailed with a \$500,000 cash bond.



Milam

Steven Wayne Milam, who described himself in court as a married father with two children ages 7 and 1, was charged in Westland 18th District Court with unlawful imprisonment, criminal sexual conduct with intent to penetrate, criminal sexual conduct involving a second-degree assault and impersonating a police officer.

Milam, who has a prior misdemeanor charge of possession of steroids in Garden City, faces a July 17 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison. A not-guilty plea was placed on record for him.

Milam, arraigned Friday in front of 18th District Magistrate Donald Vandersloot, was arrested Wednesday evening after an alert, off-duty police officer, Brian Humphrey, spotted his vehicle near Ann Arbor Trail and Inkster roads and followed him to a nearby apartment complex where he lives, police said.

"Brian is an excellent police

officer and, as such, he had his eyes open, spotted the vehicle and the suspect while on his way home from work, called in (for uniformed officers) and took the necessary action," Deputy Police Chief Gary Sikorski said.

Milam met the 18-year-old victim July 3 while she was walking in Westland's Norwayne neighborhood, and he posed as a professional photographer and offered to pay her if she would model for him, police Sgt. Steve Borisch said in court. He arranged to meet her two days later in Romulus, where she was driven by her grandfather, who believed the suspect's story, police have said.

Milam ultimately took the victim to a wooded area near Middlebelt and Warren roads, asked her to take off her clothes, pulled up her top and pulled down her skirt, Borisch testified. When she resisted, Milam put plastic zip ties on her wrists, but the victim managed to use her cell phone to call her grandfather and alert him, Borisch said.

Milam is accused of grabbing the cell phone, posing as a police officer and telling the grandfather that the young woman was in trouble, the detective said. Police have said the suspect apparently became afraid — possibly that someone was approaching — and that he burned off the zip ties with a cigarette and fled.

Milam has denied the criminal allegations against him and has said that he and the teenager agreed to a photo shoot for \$100, Borisch said in court.

Police executed a search warrant at Milam's apartment after apprehending him, Sikorski has said.



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**High flyin'**

Brenden Massucci, 12, of Westland balances himself on the bowl of the Concrete Jungle skatepark in Westland. Summer sessions of noon to 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to dusk are in effect, with late-night sessions from 9 p.m. to midnight on Fridays only. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

**Mission Green environmental plan ready to take root**

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mayor William Wild's initiative to make Westland more environmentally friendly — a project dubbed Mission Green — will begin to take root in late July.

Wild has appointed his planning director, Bruce Thompson, to spearhead the project and head up Team Green, which will involve city

officials and residents serving on subcommittees.

The project will focus partly on implementing a curbside recycling program.

"If your community is going green, curbside recycling is the cornerstone," Thompson said.

However, the effort also will involve making the city more cost-efficient and environmentally friendly, ranging from exploring fuel efficiency to promoting "green"

development.

The ultimate goal will be for city leaders, residents and businesses to "reduce their carbon footprint" — a measure of the impact people have on the environment, Thompson said.

He will lead a public meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, July 28, at City Hall, and residents who want to volunteer are urged to attend to learn more about Mission Green.

Two weeks later, the first

workshop on setting short- and long-term goals and policies will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at City Hall.

The latest developments follow Wild's announcement during his State of the City address in May that he would be starting Mission Green.

To get involved in Team Green, call the mayor's office at (734) 467-3200.

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**Gebhardt cites experience, background**

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In her bid to win a Wayne County Commission seat, candidate Joan

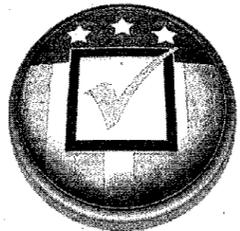
Gebhardt said her goals include spurring job growth, addressing the foreclosure crisis, supporting a rail system and other infrastructure improvements, and helping families find the services they need amid tough economic times.

A Livonia resident who has lived in the 12th District for 35 years, Gebhardt cited her strong ties to the community and said she has the knowledge to help the county tackle a \$33 million budget shortfall while protecting the health, safety and welfare of residents.

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**JOAN GEBHARDT**

**Age:** 59  
**Residence:** Livonia  
**Occupation:** District staffer for state House Speaker Andy Dillon (D-Redford)  
**Education:** Master's degree, education administration, Eastern Michigan University. Some doctoral work at Wayne State.  
**Family:** Married with two adult children  
**Community involvement:** Schoolcraft College trustee; representative to Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments; Madonna University adjunct professor; executive board Michigan Federation of the American Federation of School Administrators; executive board League of Women Voters Northwest Wayne County, among others.



**12th Commission District**

The Observer continues its profiles of two more Democratic candidates seeking the 12th District Wayne County Commission seat, which represents Westland, Inkster and south Livonia. The series will conclude with two Republicans. Party nominees will be chosen in the Aug. 5 primary to compete in the Nov. 4 general election. The overall winner will get a two-year term. The job pays \$68,411 a year.

**Harris-Foster touts issues, hands-on attitude**

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As she campaigns for a Wayne County Commission seat, candidate Wanda Harris-Foster has cited economic development, county park improvements, health-care issues and airport noise abatement as issues she wants to address if elected.

Harris-Foster also pointed to her 16 years as an Inkster City Council member, including four years as mayor pro tem, as reasons she is qualified to become the next 12th District commissioner, replacing veteran Kay Beard's 30-year service.

"I enjoy public service," she said,

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**WANDA HARRIS-FOSTER**

**Age:** Not provided  
**Residence:** Inkster  
**Education:** Degree in special education, Eastern Michigan University; nursing diploma Henry Ford Community College.  
**Family:** Single  
**Community involvement:** 16-year member Inkster City Council, four years as mayor pro tem; Inkster Chamber of Commerce; precinct delegate; member Christian Faith Ministries Church; former member Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus; former member Wayne County Head Start board; former chair Nankin Transit Services; Coalition of Labor Union Women.

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# GEBHARDT

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"My heart is in this community," Gebhardt said. "I'm dedicated to this community."

Gebhardt also pointed to her experience, ranging from classroom teacher to Schoolcraft College trustee to district staffer for state House Speaker Andy Dillon (D-Redford) as preparing her to address a wide range of issues if she's elected to the 12th District commission seat vacated in March by 30-year veteran Kay Beard. The two-year term pays \$68,411 a year.

Gebhardt, one of eight Democrats in an Aug. 5 primary that also has two Republicans on the ballot, said efforts to improve the 12th District's infrastructure

could help to create new jobs and pump money into the area's economy. She cited new development around Detroit Metro Airport and the possibility of a rail system from Detroit to Ann Arbor as potential ways of boosting employment.

Gebhardt also said the area has skilled workers who can help to diversify the local economy.

"We have the brainpower here to bring jobs here from other countries," she said.

In the meantime, Gebhardt conceded that reversing the area's downturn will take time because the county has to dig itself out of a \$33 million budget shortfall and begin to overcome problems like soaring foreclosures. As she walks down some streets to campaign, she said she often sees so many vacant homes that "it just takes my

breath away."

She called it critical that county leaders work with state officials to help residents who are losing jobs and homes. At a minimum, she said, such efforts should begin by establishing a one-stop place where people can find a wide array of services and help.

Gebhardt described herself as "very interested" in helping to develop a mass transit system.

"I think people are becoming aware of the need for it every time they go to the gas station," she said.

On other issues, Gebhardt said she would work with county and local officials to resolve the issue of lead contamination in Westland's Central City Park, and she also called for continued efforts to fix and redevelop the old contaminated Cooper

School site.

Referring to the county's budget troubles, Gebhardt indicated she would support across-the-board, departmental cuts of possibly 10 percent as a way to avoid a deepening crisis. But she said officials also need to develop a workable spending and revenue plan for the next five, 10 and 20 years.

As she campaigns, Gebhardt acknowledged that she is better known in the south Livonia portion of the 12th District. But she also has backing and support in Westland, and she also is trying to make herself better known in Inkster.

"People are not satisfied with the status quo," she said. "They want change, and not just with the federal government."

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### Let's read

The Westland public library will host a "Reading Dog" program at the Dorsey Center on July 17 and Aug. 14 for children who love to read, are just learning to read or want to practice reading aloud. A trained Reading Education Assistance Dog (R.E.A.D.) will welcome elementary-age students from 1-2 p.m. for individual reading sessions.

The program will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is for a child and the dog only; caregivers may stay in the reading room. Children are welcome to bring their own book or select one from the library's cart.

Elle Mae is a certified therapy dog who is friendly and supportive to emerging readers. She is non-judgmental and provides gentle encouragement to build confidence in reading aloud. The program helps reinforce reading skills and provides an incentive for kids to read during the dog days of summer.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

### In concert

The Tommy James Orchestra will perform Big Band music at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 13, in the performance pavilion behind the Westland public library. The concert is free. Those attending are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets. The library is located on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford.

### Foundation fund-raiser

The Westland Community Foundation will sponsor a Christmas in July fund-raiser with a "champagne and dia-

mond" reception from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, July 25, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, on Joy east of Newburgh. It will feature live and silent auctions, dueling pianos, special presentations, a "strolling dinner" and an open bar. Evening attire is requested. One woman will win a diamond. Tickets are \$50 per person. Call (734) 595-7727.

### Parade of ponds

The seventh annual Elegant Environments Parade of Ponds is scheduled for July 26-27. It's a self-guided tour of Downriver gardens and ponds. Tickets are \$12 and include both days. They are available at the Westland Historic Village Park. Proceeds benefit the Westland Garden Club. For more information, call (734) 728-1232 or (734) 522-3918.

### Open house

Tammy Vermette will unveil her new photography studio, That Personal Touch LLC, during an open house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 19, and 3-7 p.m. Sunday, July 20. The business, she said, is ideal for photographs of high school seniors, engagements, weddings, babies, families, groups and pets, among others. That Personal Touch is at 952 Newburgh Road, just south of Marquette, in the Newburgh Plaza.

### CORRECTION

An article on a forum for candidates to the Wayne County 3rd Court Non-Incumbent position incorrectly said that six candidates will

advance from the Aug. 5 to the general election in November to compete for the three open seats. The three positions will be filled in the Aug. 5 primary.

# HARRIS-FOSTER

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describing herself as "a hands-on person" who's ready and experienced to take on the job.

If elected, Harris-Foster pledged to work hard to address issues such as parks improvements, health care, job growth, prudent spending and establishing a committee to examine whether water-sewer rates could be addressed, and possibly lowered.

If 12th District residents can get any financial relief,

Harris-Foster said she would like to help them.

"We all know what the economy is like these days," she said.

One of eight Democrats competing in the Aug. 5 primary, Harris-Foster hopes to earn a two-year term. The job pays \$68,411 a year.

Harris-Foster vowed to make herself available to hear residents' concerns. "I don't want to just sit there in a vacuum with the commission," she said.

While sitting on the Inkster City Council, Harris-Foster said she always listened to residents' concerns, but never promised solutions

until she did the homework to determine what remedies might be available.

In Inkster, she said she was among the community leaders who helped a once-troubled city stay out of receivership by making budget cuts and taking a close look at spending practices. She said her expertise would serve her well at the county level, which has a \$33 million budget shortfall.

"You have to do a needs assessment and do your homework before you attack it," she said.

Harris-Foster acknowledged that she is better known in her hometown than she is elsewhere in the 12th District, which also includes Westland and Livonia. But she said she is trying to become better known. To that end, Harris-Foster said she has done some neighborhood walking, sent

out literature to some absentee voters, addressed some church crowds and talked about her campaign with people who will listen.

"People have been really approachable," she said. Harris-Foster has been involved in her community with the chamber of commerce, as an elected precinct delegate, as a former member of the Wayne County Head Start board and as a member of Christian Faith Ministries. She has a bachelor's degree in special education and a diploma in nursing.

Harris-Foster described herself as a lifelong 12th District resident who cares about the district.

"As a lifelong resident," she wrote on her literature, "I understand District 12's issues. I will bring integrity, hard work and results."

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Peace Camp for Kids**

Kirk of Our Savior Peace Camp takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24 (lunch will be served). The camp is open to children of all ages and religious backgrounds. Spend a few hours learning to work together in order to achieve success. Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in

Westland. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jenny at 313-532-4310.

**Citizens for Peace**

The Livonia-based Citizens for Peace, which covers the entire 11th District, invites residents the chance to join in study-discussion groups on the topic, Beyond War, during its June and July meetings. Using a study guide, the topic will be discussed in four group sessions each meeting. The June meeting will include social change; how to talk to people who think war is a good idea or inevitable; war is obsolete; and the concept that we all live on one planet. In July, the topics focus on alternatives to war, such as nonviolent conflict resolution processes and appro-

appropriate humanitarian foreign aid; international law and cooperation between nations; practical experience about what people and nations can do instead of war; and applying effective advocacy. Citizens for Peace meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Unity of Livonia, on Five mile road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. A small donation is requested for the use of the church facilities. For details, call Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079.

**Free workshop**

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, is presenting "Balance Your Hormones Naturally" 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, at Civic

Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The workshop will educate the audience about natural alternatives to address problems related to hormone imbalances and menopause. Seating limited to 15 guests. Reservations are required. Her other seminars include: "Natural Solutions to Digestive Problems" 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 24, at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. This presentation will teach the audience about natural means of improving or even correcting such problems as acid reflux, hiatal hernias, ulcers, irritable bowel syndrome, colitis and Crohn's disease. Seating is limited to the first 15 callers. Reservations are required. For reservations, call

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## Mortgage foreclosure town halls focus on intervention

Wayne County will launch free workshops to address soaring mortgage foreclosures. These workshops are different because the Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program offers legal intervention, as well as counseling, education and other tools for saving a home at or in foreclosure.

Wayne County will also be linked to a collaboration network of HUD- and MSHDA-certified counseling agencies to analyze cases and recommend viable options to avoid mortgage foreclosure. Experts insist the key to

avoiding foreclosure is to get involved!

The program is open to anyone. Refreshments will be available.

The first workshops are scheduled for 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5 at the WCCC western campus, 9555 Haggerty, Belleville and 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the WCCC eastern campus, 5901 Connor, Detroit.

Additional times/locations and information are available at [www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com](http://www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com) or (877) 693-6199.

## Whatever the price of gas, summer is here

Cicadas humming from tree tops with the rhythm of miniature chain saws, orange day lilies edging rural roadsides and suburban gardens, fireflies flickering over moist meadows, hen turkeys clucking to their trailing chicks and house wrens chattering all day — I cannot deny the season we call summer is here.

And summer for hundreds of thousands of area residents is a time for boating.

Or it used to be. I've got a good friend, a country neighbor of mine, that keeps his 1936 nautical love, a tug boat, on the Detroit River. But if he was to say "fill her up," that would set Paul back \$5,748. The math: 1,200 gallons of diesel fuel at \$4.79 per gallon. That was the going price yesterday to keep Elizabeth, his 61-foot, 80-ton tug, chugging about. Might be more today. He hasn't filled up for over a year.

Every now and then, I prepare my nautical love, a nameless 12-foot Old Time kayak for a cruise. Not on the big river, but on a small, secluded, gla-



On Nature

Jonathan Schechter

cially sculpted lake, a "kettle lake" to be exact, on state land barely a five-mile drive from my home. And as I remind Paul, my energy expenditure is a bit lower than his, and a good way to bite the pain

of exorbitant wallet-stinging fuel prices and the painfully obvious rising costs of a day on the water.

And as a naturalist, I find another advantage to what I call seclusion kayaking. It can be an otherworldly adventure, something of an intimate caress with the subtleties of nature, for a quiet kayak, on a small weedy lake, as the sun starts to settle on the western horizon, becomes a part of the scene as wild creatures go about their ways.

But I must confess I am not just out on the lake to see what Mother Nature is doing in the

hours preceding darkness. Nor am I out there paddling about as a sacrificial lamb to tempt blood-thirsty mosquitoes. I am there tempting bass with my jitterbug lure. Every now and then, a bass explodes from under the lily pads, hits my surface lure hard and gives me an excuse to keep paddling and dreaming. I release the bass and cast again.

And although on most excursions I paddle alone, I am not alone, and that makes all the difference. With darkness two hours away, a pair of painted turtles slips off a half-submerged log and slide back into their nightly underworld. A doe and her twin fawns appear, feasting on succulent vegetation.

Sandhill cranes fly over as catbirds start their melodic mew of melody. With darkness one hour away, an odd slow chatter — almost what I would imagine a drug overdosed red squirrel to sound like — wafts from among the thick lily pad bed. Much to my surprise, it belongs to an inquisitive muskrat that loops slowly around

the kayak, comes within a foot for a better look and then continues silently on its journey.

The rising moon sets bullfrogs into full serenade of competitive territorial chorus from every corner of the pond, all but drowning out the distinctive, "whoop, whoop, whooooo" of a great horned owl, a hidden night hunter that I think perches on a dead oak beneath a stand of pines. Fireflies signal me: Time to work my way back to shore. But perhaps the best moments are the mysterious splashes and kerplunks from the among the lily pads and snaps from the edge of the woods that I cannot identify, but that fall silent as I paddle back to my half-sand, half-muck point of exit, ending my intrusion for another summer's night in nature's way, a boating experience not held back by the harrowing effects of rising fuel costs that curtail so much summer passion for so many.

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## League of Women Voters offers voters guide

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County has produced Voter Guides for the contested area races appearing on the Aug. 5 ballot. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and which never supports or opposes any candidate. Voter Guides will be available on the League's website at [www.lwvww.org](http://www.lwvww.org) on July 10 for the following area races: Canton Township treasurer and trustees Plymouth Township supervi-

sor, trustees and clerk Redford Township supervisor, trustees and clerk Wayne County commissioner: 9th District and 12th District 11th District U.S. representative 3rd Circuit Court non-incumbent judge 16th District Judge 35th district judge The Voter Guide for Northville Township trustees will be posted by July 14. Candidates for all of the contested races were invited to submit responses to questions prepared by the League. In addition to the Voter Guides prepared by the Local League of Women Voters, the League of Women Voters of Michigan will post an on-line Voter Guide for the contested Michigan House of Representatives races. A link to that Voter Guide will also be available at [www.lwvww.org](http://www.lwvww.org).

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# Joint and survivor benefits is safest route for pensions

**Dear Rick:** I am retiring and I have a pension. I will spread out payments over my lifetime instead of the lump-sum option. I have been approached about taking payments over my lifetime and then buy a life insurance policy to protect my wife upon my death. I was told that, by doing it this way, I can get more money per month while I am living and at the same time protect my wife.

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**Rick Bloom** I don't like this strategy for many reasons. There are

many issues that can severely impact your spouse. One of the reasons you selected a lifetime pension benefit vs. a lump-sum is you wanted a more conservative approach. Considering some of the other potential pitfalls, I would discourage the insurance option and encourage you to select a joint and survivor pension.

In analyzing whether someone should take a pension for their life or a joint and survivor pension, one issue that must be considered is health care. In many pensions, a surviving spouse would lose health care benefits if they survived the working spouse and the pension was not a joint and survivor pension. We all know how costly health care can be and that must be factored into the equation. In addition to the cost, health care availability also must be factored into the decision.

I do not like buying insurance in this type of situation because people have a history — for many reasons — of canceling the policy or stopping premium payments. When this happens, it puts the surviving spouse at risk.

Other issues include not enough insurance or purchasing the wrong type of insurance. I remember a situation where a couple purchased a 20-year term life insurance policy. They made the assumption the husband would not live 20 years and the wife would be protected. The husband was living 20 years after he retired and it caused all sorts of problems because extending the term coverage was too expensive. His wife was left with no pension and no insurance upon his death.

I have done calculations regarding this strategy many times and almost always taking the joint and survivor pension is the most prudent course of action.

**Dear Rick:** I know your firm manages money. My question is will you be making changes for your clients based upon who wins the presidential election?

No. Our research has concluded that the outcome of an election does not materially impact how investments perform. There have been times where the economy appears to be in retreat, yet the stock market has done well. At other times, the economy appears to be in good shape and the stock market underperforms. For the portfolios my firm manages, we don't make

adjustments based only upon what is happening in the market on a day-to-day basis or what is happening in Washington. After all, I think that most of us recognize that the air is different in Washington and whatever candidates say in their campaigns for elected office generally has nothing to do with what actually happens

in Washington. As a firm, our job is to protect and grow someone's portfolio in all types of environments.

What we will make adjustments on are changes in the economic environment or tax laws.

Whenever we have a change in administrations, we will have people who will try to anticipate what the affect on

the markets. I believe this is a fool's game.

The election is months away and the outcome is far from certain. History has shown that the markets do just as well under Democratic administrations as Republic administrations.

Although it is interesting conversation, it is rather immaterial with respect to

how we should handle our portfolios.

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**Childbirth Education** (third of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

**Tuesday, July 15**  
**Get Up and Move** at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

**Diabetes Self-Management Education** (second of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

**Strength and Stretch** at 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

**Yoga** (second of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the

body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

**Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club** at 7:30 p.m. Support is offered to those who have had an aneurysm or stroke as well as to their family and friends. The club meets every third Tuesday of the month to listen to various presentations and to promote interaction between people who have something in common. This free group is held in Garden City Hospital's Rehabilitation Unit dining room. For more information, please call (734) 458-4392.

**Wednesday, July 16**  
**Exercise Express** 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

**Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens** at 10:30 a.m. The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

**CPAP and BiPAP Mask Fitting Clinic** at 5 p.m. Attention CPAP and BiPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

**CPR - Adult (ARC)** at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Red Cross, this class provides hands-on CPR training to adults. Participants are prepared to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in victims, age 8 and above. This class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health & Education Center at 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. There is a fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

**Eating Disorders Support Group** at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders.

Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

**Thursday, July 17**  
**Get Up and Move** at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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**Friday, July 18**  
**Exercise Express** 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

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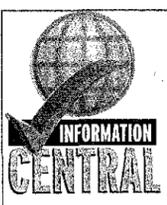
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So whether Bob Dylan is your songwriting savant (as he is mine) or your tastes lean more towards Snoop or Erykah Badu, Jewel or Coldplay, Kenny Chesney or Willie Nelson, Pearl Jam or Metallica, the point is they all have to write lyrics and music that makes it onto radio. This doesn't mean, though, that they have to write music which is formulaic or simply follows the rules. There is a lot of room for creativity and spontaneity in each of these areas; it just takes practice and an open mind to know how to make the sound your own.

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If you have any questions about a CD or book you cannot find or one that the library does not own, please visit the Reference Desk or call (734) 326-6123 and we would glad to help. Happy listening (and writing)!

- Andy Schuck

### Highlighted Activities

- Adult Book Discussion Group, July 15, 7:00pm Join us as we discuss *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. Please read the book before the meeting. All are welcome.
- Choosing Color Schemes

for your Home, July 15, 7 p.m. Learn how to coordinate color schemes throughout your home. Peggy Vastine from Lowe's will go over decorating tips and ideas. Sign up at the reference desk to reserve your seat.

Learn the Principles of Art, July 16, 7 p.m. Like to draw, paint, or create? Like to look at art, but never know what to say? In this interactive program learn in a non-judgmental and relaxed setting how to incorporate principles of art like line, texture, and representation into a work you can take home. Sign-up required. Supplies and refreshments provided.

Comic Book Art, July 19, 3 p.m., Adult and Teen, Come learn the history of comics and comic book art with art historian and comic book enthusiast, Richard Rubinfeld. Rubinfeld has curated many comic book exhibitions including the 2006 "Leaping Lizards" exhibition, which included more than 100 years of comics and comic book art. Refreshments served.

## ACHIEVERS

Megan Bahr of Westland has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2007 semester at Grand Valley State University. A junior majoring in accounting, she had to maintain at 3.5 grade point average and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours to be named to the list.

Graduates of the winter 2008 term at Madonna University in Livonia included Garden City residents **Makeia Collier**, homeland security certificate; **Jason Dallos**, chemistry; **Melissa Lutz**, nursing; **Andrew Parkila**, nursing, and **Kevin Schwartz**, social work.

The Westland Madonna University graduates included **Jacqueline Bonett** graphic design; **Tiffany Borhardt**, social work; **Corey Chase**, English/journalism; **Darcy Dauphin**, nursing; **Eleanor Hardy**, nursing home administration certification of completion; **David Herrick**, sport management; **Jenna Hess**, nursing; **Angela Ilievski**, dietetics; **Amanda Knight**, fine arts; **Monica Lowry**, family and consumer science; **Tyronda Reed**, nursing; **Joel Rivera**, history; **Caitlin Seer**, sport management; **Kari Speck**, business administration; **Joseph Spinali**, music; **Oligens Pushkim Sulo**, nursing; **Derek Walker**, fine arts, and **James Walla**, nursing.

P. Noll Scholarship in Education from Michigan State University's College of Education.

The daughter of Dave and Kathy Martin, she is a senior majoring in German (secondary education) with a minor in English. In the past three years, she tutored urban adolescents and led high school Advanced Placement classes. She also participated in a study abroad program to Mayen, Germany.

A Dean's List student, Martin hopes to teach second languages to sixth-eighth graders.

Roseanne Nyland of Westland was among 77 students recently inducted into the Bowling Green State University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's premier academic honor society.

Members are selected from a pool of candidates with the highest cumulative grade point averages in their academic divisions. They are elected for membership on the basis of their scholarly achievement and breadth of intellectual interest.

Nyland is a senior majoring in geology. A 2004 Livonia Churchill High School graduate, she is president Tau Beta Sigma, co-section leader of the clarinets in the Falcon Marching Band, a member of the Athletic Band, and Dance Marathon volunteer.

Garden City residents **Derek Bustos** and **Zachary Bustos** received their degrees during spring commencement ceremonies at Michigan Technological University.

Derek Bustos received his bachelor of science in biological sciences degree while Zachary Bustos earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering technology.

Cadet **Jacob Rekiel**

has been named to the Headmaster's List for the fifth six-week grading period at Howe Military School in Howe, Ind. Rekiel, the grandson of Jim and Joy Vikec of Westland, received the award after earning at least a 3.0 grade point average in his studies.

**Julie Martin** has received the Victor H. and Rachel

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## Beware of 7 scams targeting job seekers

A recent survey by The Conference Board shows that people are increasingly turning to the Internet to assist them with job searches, noting that 73 percent of job seekers reported using online sources in 2007 compared to 66 percent in 2005.



Tim Burns

While the Internet has become a great tool for assisting job searches, it also provides an opportunity for identity thieves and scam artists to take advantage of people.

In 2007 alone, the Federal Trade Commission received more than 11,000 complaints regarding fake employment opportunities.

Because many people who are victims never actually report it, these complaints may be just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to phony job scams.

Unfortunately, with a tough economy and tight job market, desperation will entice some job seekers into being tricked out of their money or misled to participate in criminal rackets.

The following are seven red flags to be on the lookout for when doing an online job hunt.

- E-mails filled with grammatical and spelling errors. Most online fraud is perpetrated by scam artists located outside the United States. Their first language usually isn't English, and this is often evident in their poor grasp of the language. If you receive an e-mail offering you a job filled with poor grammar and misspelled words, beware. This very well could be a scam.
- The salary and benefits offered seem too good to be true.

- The adage holds true for job offers: If the deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Phony employers brag about exceptionally high salary potential and excellent benefits in order to lure unsuspecting job hunters into their scam.
- You're hired without an interview. Some job seekers have been surprised to learn they've been "hired" without having to do a single interview.

- The only catch is to first provide your Social Security or bank account number

before starting the job, so you can allegedly be paid by direct deposit.

To avoid becoming a victim of identity theft, job applicants should never give out Social Security or bank account numbers over the phone or by e-mail to an unknown individual.

- Become rich without leaving home. While there are legitimate businesses that allow employees to work from home, there are also a lot of scams trying to take advantage of senior citizens, stay-at-home moms, students, injured or handicapped individuals, and people looking for a second source of income. Job hunters should use extreme caution when considering any work-at-home offer and always research the company with their Better Business Bureau by calling (248) 644-9100 or visit www.bbb.org.

- The job requires wiring money through Western Union or MoneyGram. Many phony jobs require the prospective employee to cash a check sent to them through the mail and then wire a portion of the money on to another entity. Reasons given for doing this vary from scam to scam.

- Whatever the reason, the check might clear your bank but will eventually turn out to be a fake. You will be responsible for paying back the bank the full value of the check you cashed.

- An employer asks for money upfront. Aside from paying for a uniform, it is rarely advisable for a job applicant to pay upfront fees or make a required purchase to get a job.

- All you have to do is reship merchandise. One of the fastest growing scams involves receiving in the mail goods purchased online by others through stolen credit card numbers and forwarding the items to the thieves, often in locations outside the United States.

- You could be held criminally liable if caught participating in this fraud.

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## Reform of state's prison system requires fresh thinking, new ideas

We've been talking for years about Michigan's need to cut unnecessary spending. So let's talk about our state's expensive practice of tossing criminals in the slam and throwing away the key.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's 2009 budget calls for \$2.06 billion for the Department of Corrections. That's up dramatically from 1999, when we spent



Phil Power

\$1.4 billion on warehousing felons. And the situation is likely to just get worse. Last month, the highly respected, nonpartisan Citizens Research Council (CRC) concluded that we'll probably spend another \$600 million over the next few years as the prison population both increases and ages.

Michigan also incarcerates far more people than nearby states — but despite popular myth, Michigan has a crime rate no higher than our neighbors.

According to the CRC, the average stay in Michigan prisons is 42 months, much higher than the Great Lakes state average of 29 months. Michigan also spends some 30 percent more per inmate than our neighbors. The CRC concludes if we cut our prison spending down to the average amount our neighbors spend on prisons, we'd have an extra \$500 million to save or divert to other priorities.

By contrast, Michigan public universities will get around \$1.5 billion for fiscal year 2009. That's the same as they got in 1999 — actually considerably less, when you factor in inflation.

Over the last six years, Michigan has had the unwelcome distinction of leading the nation in reducing state spending on educating young people — or, in other words, on our future. Those are odd priorities indeed for a state desperately in need of bright, highly educated young people to jump-start our ailing economy.

Any real chance of doing something about it? Nope.

Why? Simple; politicians are scared stiff of being called "soft on crime." They are terrified of being blamed if a single inmate is paroled early and commits a terrible crime, even though around 10,000 prisoners are released each year.

Peter Luke, the respected Lansing analyst for *Booth Newspapers*, suggests that prison funding is such a hot potato that the only practical way to get somewhere is to do what the U.S. Congress did with military base closings. Pick a distinguished commission, ask it to make a series of recommendations and then put the whole thing up for a yea-or-nay vote in the Legislature.

Here's another idea, contributed by my cousin, Tom Power, a circuit judge in Traverse City. He wrote

to me that prison population is determined by two factors: The circuit judges who send people to the prison system and an appointed state parole board that controls who leaves the prison system — and when.

Noting that the state must provide the number of prison beds required by these decisions, he said: "I suggest we allow each circuit court a set number of beds, give that court parole responsibility for its prisoners, and thereby put the responsibility for prison utilization and the need to control (population) in the same hands."

He would like to see the number of prison beds provided by the Department of Corrections determined by the Legislature and governor through the appropriations process. Those beds then would be distributed among the 57 circuit courts, with each one having a set percentage of the beds made available.

Judge Power points out that "the most important and politically explosive problem would be how to allocate prison beds among the various circuits. Allocation of beds proportionate to population is the most obvious method. But circuits with a history of higher crime will argue they should receive more beds than their populations would warrant. So in addition to population, beds could be allocated based on historic prison use or number of felonies reported to the police."

He goes on to point out that Michigan's prison capacity has risen from around 10,000 in the early 1980s to more than 50,000 today — the consequence of "lock 'em up and throw away the key" attitudes that prevailed in the 1980s and 1990s.

Nor has harsher sentencing alone been to blame. "While it has been popular in some quarters to blame sentencing practices, a recent study found that there are thousands of prisoners held in the prison system beyond their first parole eligibility date. This indicates the expansion in prison use over the last two decades may be due as much to toughened parole standards."

His suggestion of putting both prison entry and release in the same hands — the circuit judges — is a sensible and elegant solution to a very hot political potato.

Both ideas — newsman Luke's and Judge Power's — are complimentary. Together, they offer a simple, comprehensive, common-sense way to deal with exploding prison costs. The smart people in our Legislature should look closely at both.

Phil Power is founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a think tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed here are Power's and do not represent the official views of The Center. Comments are welcome at [ppower@thecenterformichigan.net](mailto:ppower@thecenterformichigan.net).

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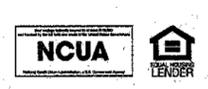
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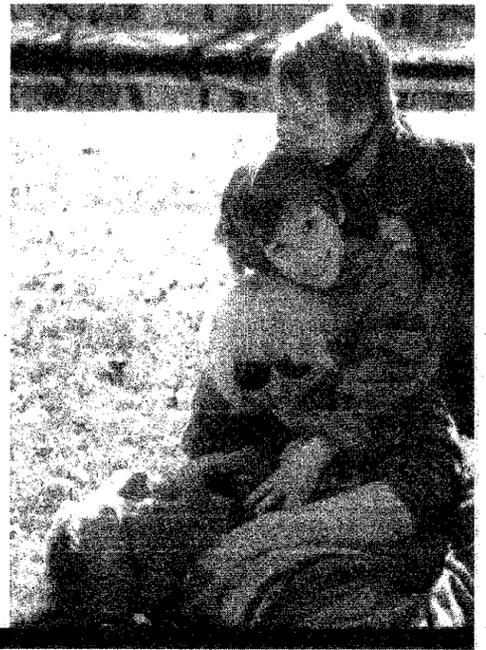
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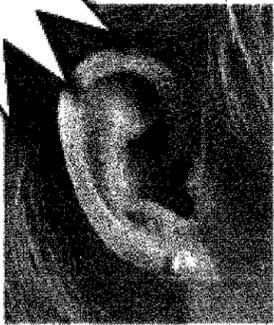


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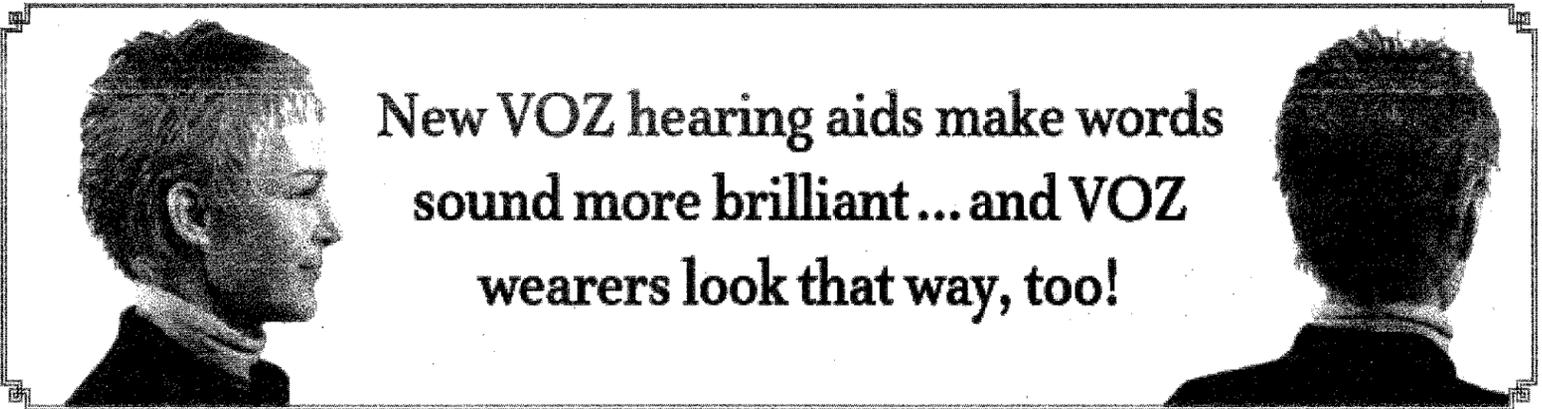


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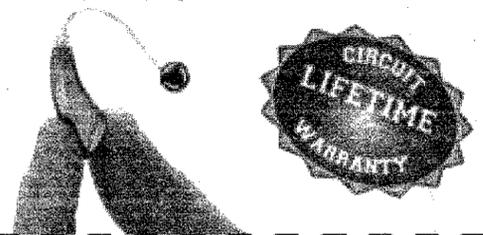
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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Redford Rebels shortstop Jeremy Wafer delivers a strong throw to first to retire a Lake Orion batter early during Wednesday's travel baseball contest at Capitol Park.

## Rebels can't finish comeback bid

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Walks, errors and lack of clutch hitting Wednesday night cost the Redford Rebels, as the visiting Lake Orion Chargers earned an 8-4 win at Capitol Park in Redford.

The Midwest Alliance Travel Baseball League contest hinged on two half-innings. Lake Orion (8-9, 2-2) scored four runs in the third — with a two-run homer by Drew Ordakowski the key hit — to take a 5-1 advantage. But the Rebels committed two errors and pitcher A.J. Ewart (Novi-Detroit

Catholic Central) walked three in the frame to keep the Lake Orion rally going.

But Redford could not cash in on a chance to get right back into the game. With runners on second and third and one out in the fourth, Ryan Smith (Redford Thurston) popped up a bunt before Chargers pitcher Derrick Berriman retired Jeremy Wafer (Thurston) on a grounder to third base.

"Our batting was not where it needed to be tonight," Rebels head coach Bruce Corner said. "That's for sure. We talked about it after the game, about taking better approaches at the plate.

"That means that, with less than two strikes, being focused on the hitting zone."

The Rebels (5-10-1, 2-4-1) did chip away at the deficit, scoring three in the fifth to make it 5-4.

After Ewart reached on a Lake Orion error, Zach Carroll (Dearborn Divine Child) lined a single to left, but Ewart was caught in a rundown between second and third for the inning's second out. Pitcher Eric Knoblock hit Brian Corner (Thurston) with a pitch to extend the frame, but it looked as if Carroll

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## Shankin strong in Rams' win

Brett Shankin made sure Wednesday night that the Michigan Rams remained a leg up on their 20-and-under Michigan Collegiate Baseball League rival Michigan Dodgers in the race to go to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament next month in Johnstown, Pa.

The right-hander from Wayne State pitched a two-hitter over six innings to propel the Rams to a 6-1 triumph over the Dodgers at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School.

With the win, the Rams improved to 16-7 in the Collegiate League, while the Dodgers slipped to 12-9.

Shankin faced just 22 batters, allowing the only run. He struck out seven and walked four before giving way to Madonna University's Bret Spencer, who pitched a scoreless seventh.

Oakland University's Aaron Wick paced the Rams' offensive attack going 3-for-3, including a double and RBI. Frank Persichino also went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI.

Canton's Shawn Little (MU), Joe Barnes and Tim Cross also knocked in runs for the Rams. Derek Mosher tripled and scored a run, while Brett Mazmanian doubled and scored a run.

Losing pitcher John Ballerin had control issues, allowing four runs on four hits and eight walks in 3.2 innings.

Rob Liller and Tom Jones came on in relief.

Casey Dishman had the lone RBI for the Dodgers, scoring Aaron Cieslak who had doubled in the sixth.

## Sidelines

### MU signs Bathurst

Madonna University women's golf coach Scott Marzolino announced the signing Wednesday of Livonia Stevenson's Chelsea Bathurst, an All-Observer first-team selection.

"Chelsea will come in and help our squad right away," Marzolino said. "She was an outstanding player in high school and we expect that to continue at MU. She's a great addition to our program.

In the 2007 MHSAA state finals, Bathurst was Stevenson's top golfer shooting rounds of 90-94. The team MVP also made All-Western Lakes Activities Association and finished third at the regional her senior year.

The four-year letter winner was WLAA Tournament medalist as a sophomore and made all-Division as a freshman.

### Hawks routed, 7-0

Kelly Parker and Laura Del Rio scored two goals each Thursday as the first-place FC Indiana Lionesses routed the host Michigan Hawks, 7-0, in a United Soccer Leagues W-League game at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Fatima Leyva also had a goal and assist as the Lionesses improved to 11-0-1 in the Midwest Division's Central Conference. Other goals came from Lauren Sesselmann and Maria Ruiz.

The loss drops the Hawks to 4-7-1.

The Hawks, who played Saturday in Chicago, wrap up their W-League season 6 p.m. Saturday, July 19 at Livonia Stevenson against the Minnesota Lightning.

### Women's Amateur

Former two-time MHSAA Division 1 state medalist Shannon Warner, a recent graduate of Livonia Churchill High, reached the round of 16 in the 92nd Golf Association of Michigan Women's Amateur before losing Thursday to Jennifer Domalgalski of Okemos, 4-and-2, at Walnut Hills Country Club in East Lansing.

Warner, who will be playing this fall for Michigan State, defeated Michelle Bowles of Davison, 1-up, in the round of 32.

Plymouth's Ashley Smith (Salem), who just finished her sophomore year at Grand Valley State, fell to Enid Gage of Wyoming on the 20th hole, in the opening round of match play.

## Glenn's Sanders hopes to get leg up for East All-Stars

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Westland John Glenn's Victor Sanders views Saturday's Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium as his own personal gong show.

The 5-10, 170-pound Sanders, will handle the East punting chores, while Warren DeLaSalle's Kyle Torzy will do the kicking.

Sanders averaged 38 yards per punt his senior year for the 5-4 Rockets. He also made 37-

of-40 extra points and 3-of-4 field goals (including a long of 37). Eight of his kick-offs reached the end zone.

Sanders will be joined on the East All-Stars by a pair of first-team All-Observer picks — Matt Broome, a 6-foot-3, 235-pound defensive lineman from Division 1 state runner-up Livonia Stevenson, and 6-3, 240-pound offensive guard Pat Cecile of Livonia Franklin.

Both Broome and Cecile are scholarship recruits in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference. Broome is headed to Northwood University, while Cecile is going to Wayne State.

Also in the East roster is All-State lineman and University of Michigan recruit Mike Martin, a 6-2, 285-pound Redford native who played defensive and offensive line at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Sanders, who has yet to commit to a school, sent out a demo tape to colleges following his senior season and got only a lukewarm response. He attended a spring tryout at Bowling Green State University, but once he arrived he learned that it was only for high school juniors. He also had a workout for Wayne State.

"They (WSU) said to they

would report back to me after they checked out my (high school) transcripts," said Sanders, who carried a 3.0 grade-point average.

Sanders played soccer from second- through eighth-grade, but quickly discovered that kicking a football was more his liking.

"Some friends told me to come out for football and I quit playing soccer," said Sanders, who punted and kicked for the freshman and JV teams before landing spot on the varsity at Glenn as a junior.

Sanders remains optimistic that he can find a football home

the next four years. For the punter and kicker from Glenn, it's a final chance to get noticed by somebody in the collegiate ranks.

Where's Chuck Barris when you need him?

"I'm still hoping for it (an offer)," he said. "What they're looking for is consistency. Right now I'd say I'm more suited to be a punter."

Kickoff is at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 19 in East Lansing. Tickets for the 28th annual East-West All-Star Game are \$10 at the gate.

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## Gridiron 'fun'damentals taught at Lions' camp

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The most revealing sign that a summer football camp is successful is when even the fumble-recovery drills are spirited, educational and filled with high-five-slapping enthusiasm.

That was the case this past week during the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp at Plymouth's Central Middle School, where 100 kids from throughout Observerland learned everything from how to recover a fumble to proper pass route-running techniques under cloud-dotted Detroit Lion blue skies.

Every time a camper pounced on a loose football or snared a spiraling pigskin, they were greeted with gusto-laced cheers from their peers and members of the coaching staff, which was spearheaded

by Chris Fritzsching, the Lions' enthusiasm-charged director of youth football.

"First and foremost, we want to make it fun for the kids," said Fritzsching, who coordinates year-round football-related clinics and camps throughout Michigan. "After that, we want the kids to get a better understanding of how the game is played — from the on-the-field skills to the off-the-field things like what you have to learn in the film room and in the classroom.

"We spend two days focusing on offense and two days on defense and we rotate the kids through all the position groups so that they can see the entire field and know what's going on because you never know what position you're going to end up playing in the fall."

The upbeat environment of the camp was energized by

the effervescent attitude of Fritzsching, who has no doubt secured the job of his dreams.

"I'm working with kids, I'm working outside in Michigan in the summertime and I'm coaching football — to me, it's the best job in the world," he said.

During Thursday morning's post-camp awards presentation, Fritzsching emphasized to the captivated gridders the importance of not only their on-the-field efforts, but how vital it is to excel in school and to appreciate the sacrifices their parents make for them during their youth-sports experiences.

"I liked how they taught us all the things we need to know about football and the love of the game," said 9-year-old Canton resident Jason Arnold,

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PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Nine-year-old Reilly Sullivan, above, of Livonia hauls in a pass during Thursday's Detroit Lions Football Camp held at Central Middle School in Plymouth. One-hundred kids between the ages of 6 and 15 attended the four-day clinic. Nine-year-old Canton resident Jason Arnold, left, received the prestigious Calvin Johnson Future Superstar Award during the post-camp ceremonies Thursday morning.

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who was presented with the coveted Calvin Johnson Future Superstar Award Thursday morning. "And they brought in a real Lion (tight end Sean McHugh), which I really liked."

The Plymouth-based Lions' camp, which is just one of many Fritzsching coordinates, has been filled to capacity all four years it has been offered.

"We like to limit it to 100 kids so that everybody gets a lot of attention," Fritzsching said. "We've always had a good turnout in Plymouth."

In addition to Arnold, seven other campers earned coveted awards that are named after Lions players who head coach Rod Marinelli feels epitomize the honors.

Awards winners included:

■ Alex Lewis Hustle

Award: Jonas Mayerhofer;

■ Jon Sims Attitude

Award: James Lewis;

■ Cory Redding

Leadership Award: Jonathan Michalak;

■ Jeff Backus Extra

Effort Award: Eddie Allen;

■ Dominic Raiola

Consistency Award: Mitch McKenzie;

■ Jon Kitna Teammate

Award: Connor Flanigan;

■ Jared DeVries Most

Improved Award: Brian Leaken; and

■ Calvin Johnson Future

Superstar Award: Jason Arnold.

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# '08 grads honored by GC Soccer Club

Throughout their high school careers at Garden City, both Brian Chambers and Melissa Sheko excelled whether in the classroom or in athletic competition.

But the 2008 graduates also have been mentors to the young players in the Garden City Soccer Club — an organization both formerly competed in.

Chambers and Sheko were awarded with the club's 2008 Book Scholarship Awards during the June 19 general membership meeting. Each will receive \$250.

The annual book scholarships go to Garden City seniors demonstrating top-notch ability in academics as well as sports.

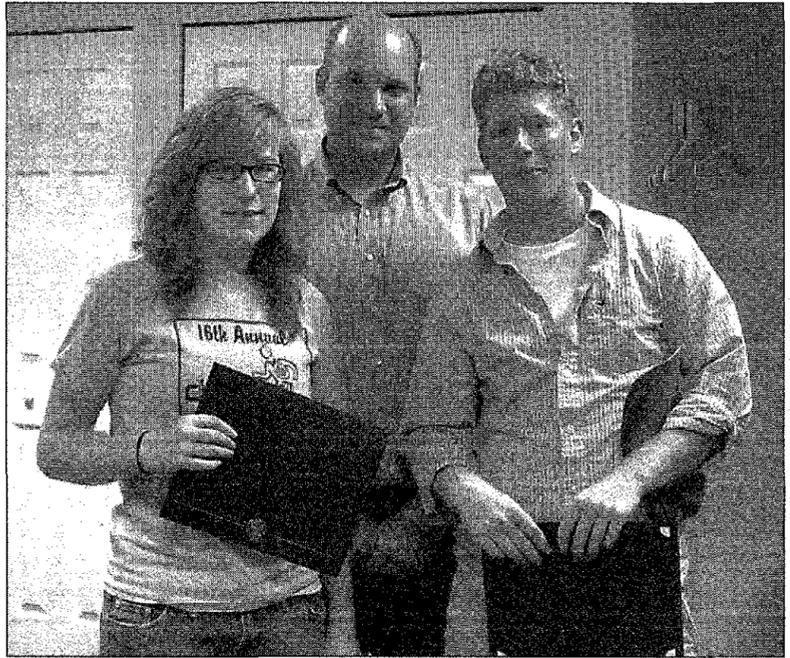
But Garden City Soccer Club president Paul Schultz said the organization also

"appreciates the involvement that both of this year's recipients have had with our club for many, many years."

In addition to playing during their GCSC days, Chambers and Sheko were devoted to mentoring younger players.

Their contributions to the club began "from their playing days as youth soccer players to their assisting the club in various other roles, such as refereeing and helping with soccer development," wrote Schultz in an e-mail to the Observer.

"We could not be prouder of them and we hope that these scholarships will help assist them as they further their education at the collegiate level," summed up Schultz.



Garden City Soccer Club president Paul Schultz (center) presented 2008 Book Scholarship awards to Melissa Sheko (left) and Brian Chambers during last month's general membership meeting. Both were recognized for academic and athletic accomplishments as well as for being positive role models to youngsters.

## Plymouth YMCA clinics

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering three sports clinics this summer.

The facility's experienced staff will lead players through fun activities that are intended to stimulate curiosity and excitement of the players.

Close personal attention will help the players improve their game skills and develop a love for the game.

Among the offerings will be:

■ Baseball (July 21-25) for is 9-11-year-olds

■ Soccer (July 28-Aug. 1)

■ Basketball (Aug. 4-8).

Soccer and basketball are open to 6-9-year-olds.

The clinics will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The programs are open to YMCA members and community members.

For more information, please contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit [www.ymcadowait.com](http://www.ymcadowait.com).

## SUMMER CAMPS & CLINICS

### Summer Blast Soccer

Garden City Soccer Club is holding its "Summer Blast Soccer Camp" Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 through Friday, Aug. 22 at Maplewood Community Center, noted club president Paul Schultz.

For just \$30, campers ages 5-14 will be able to enjoy a learning experience in a fun environment. Campers will work with

several trained, experienced and licensed coaches on foot skills, technique and goalkeeping.

The registration fee includes a camp T-shirt, water bottle and a pizza party on the last day of camp.

All registrations must be received by Aug. 1 in order to guarantee T-shirt size. Walk-in registrations will be accepted.

People can call (734) 458-9734 for more information. Maplewood, where the fields are, is located at 31735 Maplewood in Garden City. It is west of Merriman and east of Venoy, between Ford Road and Warren roads.

### GC free hoops skills

The Garden City girls basketball program will host a free skills clinic for Garden City girls entering grades 3-6 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, July 14-17, at the high school gym.

The coaching staff and high school players will be providing basic skills instruction.

For more information, call Michele Tyree at (734) 306-

### Salem wrestling camp

The Salem wrestling program will be hosting a summer camp for all experience levels Monday through Thursday, July 14-18, at the high school.

For more information, visit [www.wrestling.salemrocks.com](http://www.wrestling.salemrocks.com).

### Glenn football camp

The Westland Senior High football camps for any student entering grades 9-12 for the 2008-09 school year will be from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 21-23, at John Glenn High School.

For camp fees and registration information, call camp director Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329.

### RU Wing-T football camp

Redford Union is hosting the Panther Wing-T-camp for football players entering high school this fall from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, through Friday, Aug. 1.

For more information, call Miles Tomasaitis at (313) 575-4753.

## CITY OF WESTLAND

Request for Proposal

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland, 36601 Ford Rd., Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **August 7, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.** for the following (no exceptions will be made for late filings):

### Space Themed Play Structure

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at 36601 Ford Rd., Westland, Michigan, 48185. Please direct questions pertaining to specifications to Robert Kosowski, Parks & Recreation Director at (734) 467-3255. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jade M. Smith  
Controller

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## WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction July 15, 2008 at 9:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI. 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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1991	Nissan	Sentra	4DR	1N4EB31B9MC757832
1990	Geo	'Tracker	2DR	2CNBJ18U6L6213884
1992	Lexus		4DR	JT8VK13T0N0057123
1996	Chevy	Monte Carlo	2DR	2G1WV12MXT9228072
1994	Ford	F-150	PU	1FTEF15Y2RLA11778
1999	Ford	Escort	2DR	3FAKP1137XR105475
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- 1108-Michael Simpson Sr-boxes,bags,totes
- 1114-Angela Kolhagen-boxes,bags,totes
- 1138-Yancy Davis-boxes,bags,totes
- 1160-Anise Bankhead-boxes,bags,totes
- 1162-Thomas Bonner-boxes,cooler,bags
- 1174-Tanissa May-sofa,totes,bags
- 1200-Amy Lashon Hursh-boxes,bags,totes
- 1204-Mary Keegan-boxes,bags,totes
- 1218-Rosalind Johnson-t.v.,couch,boxes
- 1268-Charles Saad-boxes,bags,totes
- 1298-Dionne Simms-boxes,bags,totes
- 1326-Lisa Bynum-toys,mattress,bags
- 1348-Michael McClain- boxes,bags,totes
- 1372-Erica Howard-boxes,chairs,dresser
- 1412-Jim Diana-boxes,bags,totes
- 1474-Tedora Gardner-bags,t.v.,chair
- 1488-Delisa Beavers-chair,microwave,totes
- 2176-Aletheia Straight-boxes,bags,totes
- 2188-Shatunna Priestler-sofa,chair,boxes
- 2262-Timothy Elliot-boxes,bags,totes
- 2304-Nina Costello-boxes,bags,totes
- 2382-Terry Davis-sofa,boxes,shelves
- 2402-Latoya Hicks-boxes,bags,totes
- 3012-Tedora Gardner-tools,dishes,totes

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 2075- Ruth West- grill,dresser,couch
- 3046- Deanna Eighmey- table,box,bag
- 6059- Judith Ryan- bike,tools,boxes
- 7130- Tisha Goree- box,bag,tote
- 1004- Downriver Installation Services- box,bag,tote
- 1010- Daniel i. Mahan- tv,sofa,fan
- 3048- Tanisha Holston- box,bag,tote
- 3051- Steryette Humphrey- box,bag,tote
- 3064- Patricia Sue Scott- box,bag,tote
- 3089- Angela Martinez- box,bag,tote
- 3091- Michelle Melchert-sofa,box,bag
- 3095- Imina Collins- box,bag,dresser
- 3097- Darnee Smith-box,bag,tote
- 4078- Jonathon Gordon- box,bag,shelf
- 5037- Flowers By deavila- lamp,box,tote
- 5063- Nicole Monthei- tote,luggage,crib
- 5069- Carl Hicks- box,bag,tote
- 5089- Sandra Church- box,bag,tote
- 6001- Anthony Davis-box,bag,tote
- 6021- Carole Higgins- box,bag,tote
- 6037- Tracie Breuer- couch,motorcycle, tools
- 6071- Toni Kinchen- dresser, box, totes
- 6129- Tony Stanley- couch,tv,totes
- 7124- Catherine Brunious- tv,box,tote
- 9007- Randy White- totes,luggage,box

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Units contain: misc. household items.

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## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008-2009

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District shall be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Education offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 734-744-2500, on the first and third Mondays of each month with the following exceptions:

- a. A regular meeting will not be held on July 21, 2008
- b. A regular meeting will not be held on August 4, 2008
- c. A regular meeting will not be held on September 1, 2008
- d. A regular meeting will not be held on December 15, 2008
- e. A regular meeting will not be held on January 5 or 19, 2009
- f. A regular meeting will not be held on February 16, 2009
- g. A regular meeting will not be held on April 20, 2009
- h. A regular meeting will not be held on May 4, 2009

Therefore, regular Board meetings will be held on the following dates:

July 7	August 18	September 15	October 6, 20
November 3, 17	December 1	January 20	February 2
March 2, 16	April 6, 27	May 18	June 1, 15

In general, the second and fourth Mondays of each month shall be reserved for Board committee meetings or special and/or study meetings as needed.

Special meetings of the Board of Education may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, location, and purpose of such meetings. Service of the notices shall be made in accordance with Board Policy BCAC and with the provisions of P.A. 267 and the General School Laws of the State of Michigan, and may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.

The Secretary of the Board shall cause public notice to be given of all meetings of the Board of Education in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Proposed minutes of Board meetings will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Board of Education offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, not more than eight business days after the date of each meeting, and approved minutes of each meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same location not more than five business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved and also on the LPS Web site.

The President and/or Secretary of the Board shall be authorized to sign all contracts and legal documents on behalf of the Board of Education following approval by resolution of the Board unless the Board specifically designates other members of the Board or administration in its resolution to approve the contract or legal document.

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- 1034- Ricky Lee Nedrow- boxes,bags,totes
- 216- Shawn Burgess- boxes,bags,totes
- 345- Don Smith- box,bag,tote
- 538- Kimberly D Miller- box,bag,tote
- 073- Tina cairelli- box,bag,tote
- 1027- Dionne D Jenkins- bags tv dresser
- 1028- Sebastian A Perez- fridge rugs
- 1032- Sandra Gail Nestor- dresser stereo lamp
- 1033- Sandra Gail Nestor- fireplacechair boxes
- 1039- Dionne Jenkins- stroller bikes toys
- 1102- Linda Lachapell- boxes totes
- 1113- Jennifer Rager- tv guitar dresser
- 1116- John Jordan IV- chair stereo vacuum
- 1128- Shane Haase- box,bag,tote
- 134- Erica Boyer- box,bag,tote
- 150- James P Brannon- box,bag,tote
- 165- Jason Neu- chair entertainment center tv
- 221- Shirley Bowman- box,bag,tote
- 226- Dena Watson- bags and boxes
- 315- Kenneth Dolak- Box,bag,tote
- 411-Michael J Raain II- box exercise bike tv
- 527- Chagita Mecroy- box bags totes
- 532- Michael a Santwire box bags and totes
- 537- Kevin M Cooper- box bags totes
- 539- Scott Murray- washer,box,tote
- 810- Anthony Martin- box,bags, tote
- 826- Keri Elliott- box,bag,tote
- 832- Nathan Campbell- box,bag,tote
- 833- June Francisco- box,bag,tote
- 947- Susan Dalimonte- tv,sofa, box

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- E040- Denise Hearn- - boxes,bags,totes
- A016- Tracey Wilburn- tv,washer,bed
- B028- Deborah Cox- washer,boxes,fan
- B086- Dorothy Morton- boxes,couch
- B314- Amanda Werstein- air compressor,totes
- B315- Odessa Scott- box,bag,tote
- C013- Ted Konesky- box,bags,totes
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- B054- Gary Geresy- box,bags,
- B069- Bossie anderson- couch,mattress,tv
- B104- Burt Mellum- box,bag,table
- B116- Kenneth Vojtech- box,bag,tote
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- B193- Joyce McBride- box,bag,tote
- B247- Robert Hankins- box,bag,tote
- B250- Miguel Gates- box,bag,tote
- B288- Shakita Glenn- box,bag,tote
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- D030- Aaron Daniels- box,bag,refrigerator
- D038- Erin McCalvin- sofa,table,box
- D040- Sherry Lewis- box,bag,tote
- D047- Eric Fields- box,bag,tote
- E029- Marcia Spellman- bed,table,couch
- F049- Joanie Jackson- box,bag,tote

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## Big boom in boomer knee replacements

BY KRISTA HOPSON  
U-M HEALTH SYSTEM

John Birko's knee had osteoarthritis, which was painful and severely limited his day-to-day activities. While his knee felt as though it was about 80 years old, Birko was only 49. And like many other baby boomers today, he was not ready to slow down and instead decided to have knee replacement surgery.

"Having knee replacement surgery made an extraordinary difference in my life," says Birko, who is now 51. "The day after surgery, I felt terrific. I had forgotten what it was like to not be in pain. I was on top of the world."

The number of baby boomers who are opting for knee replacement surgery earlier in life is growing at an exponential rate, says J. David Blaha, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon at the University of Michigan Health System. Only a few years ago, between 300,000 and 350,000 knee replacement surgeries were being done. Today, that number has risen to a staggering 500,000. Ten years from now experts estimate there could be as many as 3.2 million annual knee replacement surgeries.

While knee replacement surgery does have a positive impact on a patient's quality of life, Blaha and other experts in the field worry that the demand for new knees will far outpace the availability of surgeons trained to perform the procedure.

"A recent study that looked at trends in joint replacement found that although the number of orthopedic specialists who do joint replacement is going to increase by about 2 percent, the need for orthopedic surgeons is going to increase by 500 percent," he says. "That's a problem of epic proportions."

The reason for the increase can be attributed to baby boomers wanting to maintain an active lifestyle. Previously, Blaha notes, knee replacement surgeries were reserved for very old patients who were severely crippled by osteoarthritis. But younger patients like Birko, who tore his ACL and cartilage when he was a teenager and later injured his knee again while playing sport, are experiencing an earlier onset of osteoarthritis that affects their daily lives.

Today, degenerative arthritis remains the main reason for joint replacement surgery. Degenerative arthritis is a chronic disease that causes the cartilage at the end of the bones to deteriorate, bringing with it pain and a decrease in joint function. Without a means to replace cartilage in knees, total knee replacement remains the only option to regain mobility and end pain.



Fortunately, knee replacement surgery has come a long way in recent decades and is now far less painful and the recovery much faster. With knee replacement surgery, the ends of the damaged thigh, lower leg bones and often the kneecap are capped with artificial surfaces lined with metal and plastic. Usually, doctors replace the entire surface at the ends of the thigh and lower leg bones.

Although knee replacement surgery allows patients to do many of their daily

activities more easily, Blaha says surgeons still don't have a good estimate for how long knee implants will last, especially now since so many patients are getting new knees at a younger age.

"We want joint replacements to last for more than 20 years. But one of the problems is that no matter how good we get with statistics, it still takes 20 years to get 20-year results," says Blaha, a professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at U-M Medical School, "so we're faced with

a young population that is in its 50s and has the opportunity to live into its 80s and 90s. They want their joint replacements to last 30 to 40 years, and we just don't know yet if that will happen."

One way to avoid needing a knee replacement is to take steps to prevent degenerative arthritis. Since obese people have a higher incidence of degenerative arthritis, Blaha recommends maintaining a healthy body weight and taking steps to stay active at every age.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### JULY

##### Divorce support group

Divorce financial management with Eudora Adolph 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, in room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

##### Benefit concert

Tribute-Fest: A benefit concert for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit 7 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at The Emerald Theatre, 31 N. Walnut, Mt. Clemens. Tickets \$10 and can be purchased at box office before and during show and through all Ticketmaster outlets. Fest includes tributes to The Beatles, U2, and Pink Floyd. For more information, call (248) 577-0800 or send e-mail to cmcqueen@gildasclubdetroit.org.

##### Volunteers needed

For the new Providence Park Hospital in Novi which is scheduled to open Sept. 5. Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities including responsibilities in the Emergency Center, surgical lounge, pediatric department, gift shop, and visitor services as well as duties in the areas of spiritual care, transporter, clerical, patient greeter. Must be age 18 and older and able to work a minimum of one, four-hour shift per week. To request a volunteer application packet, call (248) 465-4096 or send e-mail to volunteerservice@stjohn.org.

#### UPCOMING

##### Summer camp

The Health Exploration Station at St. Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton brings back its Amazing Me camp to teach second to fourth grade students

about the human body and how to keep it healthy 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 4-8. Cost \$169. For information, call (734) 398-7518.

##### PGA hospitality experience

To raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Michigan Chapter, tournament runs Aug. 4-10, at Oakland Hills Country Club. A 3,200 sq. ft. home overlooks the 10th and 17th greens, and 11th and 18th tees is available per day. For information, call (800) FIGHT MS #2 or visit www.nationalmssociety.org/mig.

##### Donor registration/fund-raiser

A special organ, tissue and eye donor registration event and fund-raiser for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan is being held at the Tigers vs. Toronto Blue Jays game 7:05 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11. Tickets \$22 with a portion going to Donate Life. Call (248) 770-5172 or (248) 701-2323.

##### Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come first served basis, in room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

##### Lupus support meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, in Adray D at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. For more information, call Lisa Muson at (313) 581-2937.

##### Active older adults workshop

Learn about issues such as medical considerations, orthopedic concerns and the normal effects of aging on exercise and health 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Summit on the Park. 46000

Summit Parkway, Canton. To register, call Julie Burt at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.netafit.org.

##### Vinyasa yoga

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17. Vinyasa yoga blends strength and flexibility training emphasizing power, precision, timing, grace and coordination, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. To register, call Julie Burt at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.netafit.org.

#### ONGOING

##### Tai Chi classes

Began May 5, at 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursdays). Presented by the nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

##### Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or send e-mail to marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call

(313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

##### Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

##### Self-defense class

For women and men 11 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at the Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7100. No charge, but a \$5 donation will be sent to a shelter for abused women and children.

##### Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs. Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management. In Canton, Redford and Westland. Call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

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##### Health enhancement classes

Classes began Feb. 4 for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; Alzheimer's caregivers, and the hard of hearing. The offerings are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol testing (\$5) are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Garden City Hospital lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 6 and every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

##### Free mask fitting clinic

For CPAP and BiPAP users, most insurances cover new supplies every year, try a new style of mask and learn how to get one 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. No appointment needed. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

##### Splash classes begin

HAP's free Senior Splash Bash & Moms in Motion classes begin in January in five southeast Michigan communities

with indoor pools including Southfield and Troy. Any adult can join. Classes not limited to HAP members. For more information, call (313) 664-8420.

##### Grief support group

Offered by Romulus Wesleyan Church and Hospice of Michigan for 13 weeks began 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the church, 37300 Goddard, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Romulus Public Library on Wayne Road at Goddard. For information, call (734) 941-1511, (734) 942-7589 or visit www.griefshare.org.

##### New parents support group

Meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For details, call (248) 858-7766.

##### H.U.G.S. support group

Help, Understanding and Grief Support Group and counseling for parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss, meet 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 937-4847. There is no pre-registration required.

##### Hospice volunteers needed

Looking for caring volunteers to provide in-home companionship visits to patients with life-limiting illnesses and/or respite support for their caregivers and families. Weekday availability preferred. St. John Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Mileage reimbursement available. For information, call (800) 248-2298 or visit www.stjohn.org/Hospice.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE**  
**Monday, July 14**  
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)  
 Blue Knights vs. Michigan Bulls, 5:45 p.m.  
 Mich. Rams vs. Mich. Monarchs, 8:15 p.m.  
 (at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central H.S.)  
 Mich. Dodgers vs. Det. Eagles, 6 p.m.  
 (at Tecumseh, Ont. LaCasse Park)  
 Tecumseh Thunder vs. Trailblazers, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, July 16**  
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)  
 Blue Knights vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m.  
 Mich. Bulls vs. Mich. Rams, 8:15 p.m.  
 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)  
 Mich. Monarchs vs. Trailblazers, 5:45 p.m.  
 Mich. Dodgers vs. T. Thunder, 8:15 p.m.  
**Friday, July 18**  
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)  
 Mich. Rams vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m.  
 Trailblazers vs. Tecumseh Thunder, 8:15 p.m.  
 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)  
 Blue Knights vs. Mich. Monarchs, 5:45 p.m.  
 (at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central H.S.)  
 Mich. Dodgers vs. Mich. Bulls, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday, July 19**  
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)  
 Trailblazers vs. Mich. Bulls (2), noon.  
 Mich. Dodgers vs. Mich. Monarchs (2), 5 p.m.  
 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)  
 Mich. Rams vs. Blue Knights (2), noon.  
 (at Tecumseh, Ont. LaCasse Park)  
 Tecumseh Thunder vs. Det. Eagles (2), noon.  
**MIDWEST ALLIANCE TRAVEL BASEBALL**  
**Monday, July 14**  
 Redford Rebels vs. Michigan Bulls  
 at Oakland University, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, July 16**  
 Michigan Bulls vs. Redford Rebels  
 at Capitol Park, 7 p.m.  
**Friday-Sunday, July 18-20**  
 MATBL Charity Showcase Tournament  
**UNITED SOCCER LEAGUES - PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE**  
**Wednesday, July 16**  
 Michigan Bucks vs. Kalamazoo Outrage  
 at Pontiac's Ultimate Arenas, 7:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, July 20**  
 Michigan Bucks vs. Toronto Lynx  
 at Varsity Centre (Ontario), 4 p.m.  
**W-LEAGUE**  
**Saturday, July 19**  
 Michigan Hawks vs. Minnesota Lightning  
 at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 6 p.m.

**REBELS**

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would wriggle out of the jam when Charles Melvin (Thurston) hit a two-out grounder to short.

But the setting sun blinded first baseman Berriman (who only pitched the fourth) and the throw glanced off his face, permitting Carroll to score. Mark McRobb (Livonia Churchill) followed with a single up the middle to plate two more and make it a one-run game. McRobb went 2-for-3 to pace Redford's six-hit attack.

**PADDING THE LEAD**

The Chargers quickly got one of those runs back, tacking on an unearned run in the sixth against Charles Daly (Catholic Central), who pitched three strong innings for the Rebels. That proved plenty, because Redford could only manage a ninth-inning single by Smith over the final four innings. Several errors did lead to a couple of Lake Orion insurance tallies in the ninth, however.

"That last inning, we threw the ball around a little bit," Corner said.

Other Redford hits were collected by Brian Corner and Melvin.

Coach Corner said Daly's lengthy relief stint will help the team in the pitching department during this weekend's Spartan Classic Tournament at North Farmington High School.

Redford started University of Detroit-Jesuit's Kevin Neaton, who gave up just an RBI single to Chris Baumann in his two innings of work. In addition to Ewart and Daly, other relievers for the Rebels were Wafer, McRobb and Smith (who retired



Charles Melvin of the Redford Rebels races toward third base during Wednesday's game against Lake Orion at Capitol Park.

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the last batter).

"Everybody got in and we used (six) different pitchers," Corner said. "We didn't want to wear out any of our pitchers" before the Spartan Classic.

The Rebels will finish the sea-

son mostly on the road, although the team does host the Michigan Bulls at 7 p.m. Wednesday. That MATBL game will take place at Capitol Park.

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**BASEBALL TRYOUTS**

The PC Pride girls fastpitch organization will stage tryouts and skill evaluation for the 2008-09 season on Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 23-24, and Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the Canton Sports Center, located on Michigan Avenue.

Participation on all three dates is not required. For tryout times and a tryout application, visit the Pride Web site at [www.eteamz.com](http://www.eteamz.com).

[www.pcpride.com](http://www.pcpride.com).

The Pride offers three levels of play for 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18-and-under divisions for Western Wayne County, Community Travel and Premier travel leagues, and is the girls fastpitch arm of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association.

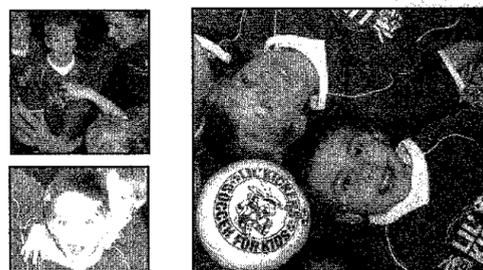
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**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**Hole-in-one club**

On June 29, Ron Hopson of New Boston used a 9-wood to ace the 128-yard, No. 14 hole at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

It was Hopson's first hole-in-one in 35 years.

On June 20, 12-year-old Matthew Taliaterra of Livonia used a sand wedge to ace the 91-yard, No. 8 hole at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox Golf Course.

**PC Pride needs coaches**

The PC Pride girls fastpitch softball organization is accepting coaching applications for the 2008-09 season. Applications, due Aug. 1, can be downloaded on the Pride Web site at [www.eteamz.com](http://www.eteamz.com). The Pride offers three levels of play for 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18-and-under divisions for Western Wayne County, Community Travel and Premier travel leagues.

For more information, call Rick Hayes at (734) 367-2557.

**Soccer players wanted**

The Livonia Family YMCA is seeking 3-4 players for its under-11 girls select soccer team.

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 261-2161 or e-mail Scott Millman at [Dirtrunner21@hotmail.com](mailto:Dirtrunner21@hotmail.com).

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## ONE WORLD, MANY BEINGS

### Greyhounds, rabbits, purebreds and friendly little mutts need you

When I adopt animals I don't look for the cutest; I look for the animal who needs me most.

Usually they're older and not picture-perfect, but who cares? It makes me sick to choose an animal based on cuteness factor.



Lana Mini

My most recent rescue is a pitbull; the friendliest dog who has ever lived with me. She even sleeps under the blanket, head on the pillow, in bed.

Also living with us is a rescue dog from Hurricane Katrina; a small black lab no one wanted. Rescuers say that at shelters, tan or light-haired dogs are always adopted before the dogs with dark fur. How superficial!

My black lab is the most sensitive dog I've ever had, and just wants hugs, pillows and to play fetch.

### GREYHOUNDS, RABBITS NEED HOMES

One breed of dog that really needs help from compassionate people are greyhounds from racetracks.

I do not support greyhound racing. Animals shouldn't spend the majority of their lives in cages only to be let out once in a while to run a lap, and then forced back behind steel bars. They should run whenever the heck they feel like it.

And, when racing greyhounds don't make a buck, they're usually killed — often when they're just two to five years old.

Nice life, eh?

Greyhounds are big couch potatoes, they would rather cuddle than run.

If you would like to meet one, and maybe save one too, visit the Retired Greyhounds as Pets (REGAP) booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fair through July 19. REGAP will be in the non-profit area on Liberty Street, near 5th Street. Or visit them at [www.rescuedgreyhounds.com](http://www.rescuedgreyhounds.com)

REGAP needs people willing to foster greyhounds. They need gentle families willing to teach the dogs how to walk up and down stairs, and reassure the dogs that no one will hurt them. Greyhounds will follow you throughout the house once they've gained trust. They give love and seek gentle affection. REGAP also needs families willing to adopt these sweet and often silly dogs who normally love other dogs too. Many are good with cats.

REGAP will help you choose a dog best for your family. It's a fantastic group that drives across the country to help these dogs — and they are all local volunteers.

If you've made the trek to Ann Arbor, like many of us will, and if you like rabbits, consider visiting a rabbit adoption group that day too. Don't adopt a rabbit if you think he or she will only be around for a few months — they can live as long as dogs.

And don't adopt a rabbit if you plan to force them in a cage their whole life.

What kind of life is that? Rabbits, like all animals, have the right to roam around.

When they gain trust, rabbits like to be held, are quite playful and some will snuggle.

Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary hosts a rabbit adoption day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., each Saturday in July, at Arborland PETCO, 3537 Washtenaw Ave., in Ann Arbor.

Members of the adoption group are on hand to answer questions about rabbit care.

Call (734) 461-1726, e-mail [karen@rabbitsanctuary.org](mailto:karen@rabbitsanctuary.org) or see the rabbits who need homes on <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/MI120.html>.

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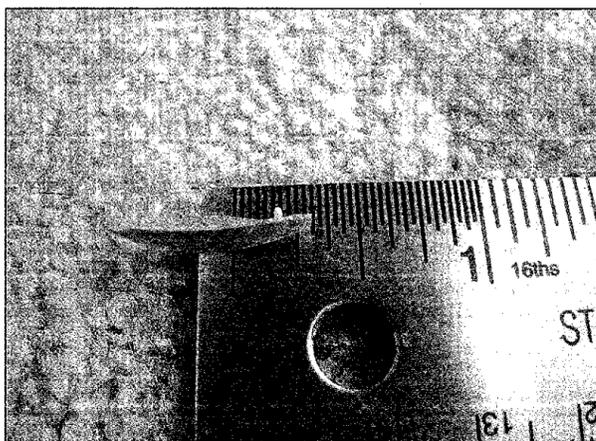
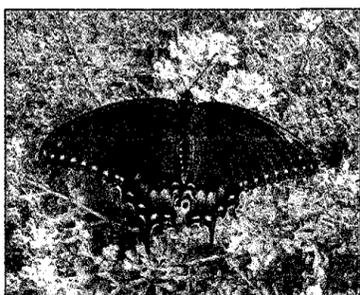
Professional bowling champions Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen — co-owners of *Aleta Sill's Bowling World* — host the 3rd Annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue on Saturday August 9 at 7 p.m. It will be held at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills, 30250 W. Nine Mile Road, west of Middlebelt Road.

All the proceeds, not just a portion like some big events, will benefit The Michigan Animal Adoption Network at Dearborn Animal Shelter. Tickets are \$25 and include three games, food and shoe rental. There will be auctions (computer, digital cameras, etc), raffles, door prizes and Karaoke. Bowlers can even have one of the professional bowlers throw a strike for them.

Shelters are desperate for funds right now. The weak economy means less donations. As people lose their homes they are abandoning their animals inside them — or taking them to shelters for euthanasia. It doesn't have to be that way. Help raise funds at a fun event. Visit: [www.YourBowlingCoach.com](http://www.YourBowlingCoach.com)

Lana Mini's "One World, Many Beings" column focuses on animal freedom issues, the environment and how we look at it, plus more. E-mail her at [lmmini@hometownlife.com](mailto:lmmini@hometownlife.com) or call (248) 901-2572.

Female Black Swallowtail on rue.



A monarch butterfly egg.

# All about flutter



A female monarch rests on a Swamp Milkweed flower.

## Butterfly enthusiasts plant native flowers to lure their favorite winged insect

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Brenda Dziedzic raises them.

Doris Applebaum counts them.

And Laura Palombi exhibits them.

They and other members of the South Eastern Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) can't get enough of their favorite insect.

"I love butterflies," said Applebaum of Oak Park. "I think they are lovely. They are such serene creatures."

Palombi tends only to tropical butterflies in the Detroit Zoo's butterfly house, where she works as associate curator of invertebrates. She joined SEMBA to meet others who love butterfly watching and to lend her professional experience.

"It has helped me learn a



Officers of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association are Brenda Dziedzic, (left) president, Teri Bongiovanni, secretary, Carolyn Sohoza, vice president, and Stephanie Rife, Webmaster.

lot about local butterflies," she said.

Dziedzic, who has "about 20 butterflies fluttering around at all times" in her Westland back yard, a certified wildlife habitat, started SEMBA last year to make lepidoptera lovers aware of native plants that are key factors in attracting butterflies and moths.

"People are more into hybrid plants that may be genetically altered. But the adults (butterflies) don't want to get nectar from those. Native plants are what they lay their eggs on. More of their habitats are being destroyed to put in homes and strip malls. That's one of the rea-

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## Michigan Jazz Festival brings youth to the stage

BY LANA MINI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

### MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL

What: This isn't a smooth jazz festival, it's traditional, big band, Latin jazz. The Festival features six stages, 18 groups, five big bands, six piano workshops, plus the Steinway Cafe to actually learn how to listen to jazz. Wine and beer available for purchase

Admission: Free

Where: Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia, <http://Michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com>

When: Sunday, July 20 from noon to 9:15 p.m.

Young music lovers: jazz aficionados are passing the torch to you.

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Longtime jazzheads are worried this American music will be forgotten by future generations.

They worry that someday there will be no dark, sultry jazz clubs creating smoldering vibes for talented saxophonists who belt out robust sounds. Places in Detroit like Baker's Keyboard Lounge, the country's oldest jazz club — and Cliff Bell's, the city's newer spot, are

crowded, yet still unknown to the masses.

Jazz, music that originated in America, is still an underground sound in that it doesn't receive much radio play — which makes it cool.

Midge Ellis, a strong, robust 85-year-old jazz music die-hard, who credits the music for her youthful ways, is an organizer of the The Michigan Jazz Festival; the free festival at Schoolcraft College next Sunday, July 20.

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Ryan Enderle's quartet performs on the stage with "younger" musicians.

# JAZZ

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For her, jazz is about freedom — and she wants to see young people embrace its rebellious sound.

"There's so much freedom in it, it's composing music right on the spot, live on stage," Ellis said.

That's why she, and others, work hard to keep the festival alive. Now in its 14th year, it's once again aimed at introducing new people to jazz. And this year, some of jazz music's best newer talent will take the stage.

Worth checking out is The Ryan Enderle Ensemble. Enderle, currently of Clarkston, has traveled the world performing jazz on standup bass and electric bass.

Enderle isn't a hobbyist musician — it's his livelihood. He teaches out of his home, and performs at clubs like Baker's and Cliff Bell's. He and his wife Jessica Enderle, a violinist, created a string duet named *Courante*, and romantically perform classical ceremonial music at weddings.

Enderle will take the festival stage at 4:45 p.m.

His career began as a teenager playing in punk and rock bands. His taste in music grew as he was exposed to jazz, realized he wanted to make music his livelihood and then majored

in music at Wayne State University. Later he performed worldwide with the U.S. Marine Corps band; and then lived and performed for several years in Hawaii.

At the festival, when listening to Enderle's original composition, you will hear the influence of all his musical tastes.

"Be ready to here some new music that exemplifies jazz," Enderle said.

His ensemble, that will release a CD next month, performs new original compositions.

"We play some standards but arrange them in ways that have never been done," Enderle said, giving an example of the standard *Autumn Leaves*.

Also at the festival, saxophonist Carl Cafagna, of Troy, is bringing students from his Sweet Beat Institute to perform. Jazz promoters are so excited about the young, strong talent that they have added a sixth stage to the festival.

Cafagna is a full-time professional musician in Metro Detroit. He is a saxophonist, clarinetist, flutist, vocalist and drummer who has performed with the Temptations, Natalie Cole, Mel Torme, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Marcus Belgrave, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Don Rickles, Bobby Watson, Verve Pipe, the Johnny Trudell Orchestra, Simone Vitale, Richie Cole and many more.

He's currently in Hot Club of Detroit — the swinging young jazz cats who play gypsy jazz.



Pianist Dennis Tini performs at 5 p.m.

Also worth seeing are the Wayne State University and Eastern Michigan University jazz ensembles.

Plus there's the Tartar Sauce Traditional Jazz Band, Tumbao Brabo Latin Ensemble, the George (sax) Benson Quartet, Johnny Trudell Big Band and a lot more.

This year's festival is dedicated to Trudell, who founded the festival in 1991 with big band leader Emil Moro. Ellis and fellow promoter Eileene Standley were asked to join in and help that same year.

It's not often that people will donate their time, for 14 years, at no charge — just for the love of the music.

But it's happening at the Michigan Jazzfest for the love of the music.

THE SCHEDULE:	
<b>Leven Stage</b>	2 p.m., Matt Michaels
Noon, Motor City Jazz Octet	3:30 p.m., Richko, Keller, Ryan Trio
1:30 p.m., Terry Lower Sextet	5 p.m., Dennis Tini Quartet
3 p.m., Najma Shamborguer	6:30 p.m., Playing with the Pros
4:30 p.m., Russ & Jeannine Miller	8 p.m., George Benson Quartet
6 p.m., Tom Saunders & Detroit Jazz	<b>Cohen/Steinway Stage</b>
7:30 p.m., Soneo Latin Jazz	Noon, WSU Jazz Ensemble
<b>Woodbridge/Moro Stage</b>	2 p.m., Masters of Music Big Band
12:15 p.m., Tumbao Bravo Latin	4 p.m., WSU Jazz Lab Band
1:45 p.m., Cliff Monear Quartet w. Barbara Ware	6 p.m., Ed Nuccilli & Plural Circle
3:15 p.m., Detroit Tenors w Steve Wood & Cafagna	8 p.m., Johnny Trudell Big Band
4:45 p.m., Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz	<b>Steinway Cafe — learn about jazz</b>
6:15 p.m., Tartar Sauce Traditional Jazz Band	12:15 p.m., Bess Bonnier
7:45 p.m., World's Oldest Sax Section	1:45 p.m., Alma Smith
<b>Innart/CRH Stage</b>	3:15 p.m., Charles Boles
12:30 p.m., Barbara Aare	4:45 p.m., Sven Anderson & Janet Tenaj
	6:15 p.m., Tasliman Bey
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### FATIGUE

When a person comes to a doctor's office with the complaint of fatigue, the individual is saying that "activities I should be able to do I cannot undertake or complete." The first job of the doctor is to confirm that the individual is correct in believing that he or she is under performing.

My experience is that in many instances younger women with families are too critical of themselves. The combined physical and mental stress of carrying for children under 10, providing companionship and support for a husband, and often being employed full time at the same time, causes fatigue that needs no other explanation than being overworked.

The next most common cause for fatigue, after physical and emotional strain, is poor physical condition. This problem occurs most often in older, retired people or widowed individuals. The elderly person believes that cleaning the house or working around the home suffices as exercise. The physician needs to explain that such activity does not stress the body in a manner that muscles need to keep strength, flexibility, and stamina. Daily exercise becomes the therapy of choice, and like a medication, needs to be taken seven days a week.

Finally, fatigue may be the signal of a medical condition. Hypothyroidism, fibromyalgia, early lung or heart disease, and anemia are examples of disorders that can present as fatigue. Physicians are experienced in screening for such causes and can uncover them through examination and selected laboratory studies.

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### BUTTERFLIES

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sons I wanted to start this organization."

The group, which has 70 members, meets the third Wednesday each month at Nankin Mills Nature Center in Westland to talk about all things butterfly.

The session on July 16 will focus on tagging the delicate, colorful monarch butterfly in late summer and early fall in preparation for its migration south to Mexico.

### TRACKING MONARCHS

"The University of Kansas has a program called Monarch Watch. People tag the Monarchs. There's a 1-800 number on the tag so if

someone sees it along the way they can call. It gives entomologists and researchers more information on their migration. I've tagged for several years myself. It gives the researcher more knowledge about migration routes." Dziedzic said.

Nets help catch the elusive creature and a sticky substance adheres the tiny tags to the monarch's orange-and-black colored wings.

"You just press it between your two fingers. There's a spot they want you to put it on. You press it on and it adheres very easily."

Dziedzic not only tags butterflies and tends to native plants — anything in the milkweed family attracts them — but she also raises butterflies, patiently collecting the tiny eggs from plants in her back yard, feeding the caterpillars and protecting the chrysalis until the insect emerges to dry its wings and fly away.

She figures she has raised about 1,720 butterflies since 2002.

"My neighbors never used to have butterflies in their back yards and now they enjoy them," she noted. "I have at least 30 different species of butterfly coming to my back yard."

Dziedzic, who holds a degree in electronic engineering technology, is retired and spends her time lecturing about native plants and lepidopterans, which includes

moths, butterflies and skippers, raising butterflies and tending to her back yard. She's a master gardener who learned about butterflies from books.

"I was fortunate to find a lady who had a lot of knowledge about it. She was my mentor and she got me going in the right direction of what books to read."

### LEARNING MORE

Palombi said a good butterfly guide, combined with networking in such groups as SEMBA and the Lepidopterous Society in Michigan can help novices learn more about the insects. Butterfly watchers can post sightings at www.lepalert.org.

Apartment dwellers or others with no backyard space can plant their butterfly garden in an "adopted" plot at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak.

Palombi said some of the zoo gardening volunteers, in fact, do maintain native plants on site that attract butterflies.

Dziedzic was on hand Wednesday when Palombi released federally-endangered Karner blue butterflies at the Petersburg State Game Area in Monroe County. The release was part of a multi-year project to re-establish the Karner blue that had not been observed in Michigan since 1987.

"I'm just proud of SEMBA. It's a great group and it has been a joy to see its membership grow so fast," Palombi said.

Applebaum, who is retired after working with animal records for 34 years at the zoo, said SEMBA's fast-growing membership shows "there are a lot of people interested in butterflies who were just waiting for a group like this."

"It's a 40-minute drive (to Westland) but it's worth it."

Applebaum, also a member of the North American Butterfly Association, helps count butterflies every June and July, the results of which are sent to a national data base. She participated in two this summer, in Springfield Township and Lapeer, and plans to join others in counting on Saturday, July 19, in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

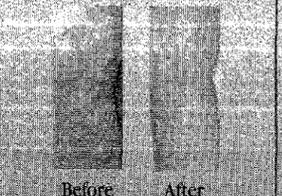
When she's not bird-watching or looking for butterflies in her own back yard, she heads out to favorite nature areas to identify her favorite insect species.

"I just got back from Douglas Evans Nature Preserve. It's in Beverly Hills on Evergreen, just north of 13 Mile. It's a lovely day and I had to get out. I saw 10 different kinds as I walked along the path."

Asked to name her favorite, Applebaum hesitated and then said, "I just like so many of them."

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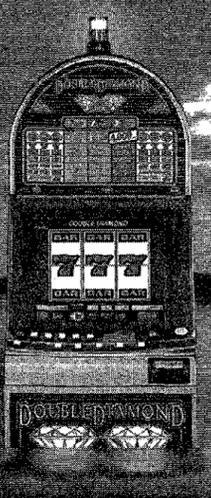
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# Never done with dryer vent line

In last week's column I touched on a class action lawsuit having to do with major retailers installing the improper vent line on their customers' new clothes dryers.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

A week ago I had the privilege of being on XM Radio Channel 169 with Joe Madison, a name many of you will recognize from his years here on Detroit radio. Not only did we discuss the upcoming lawsuit on his radio show but we also talked about his recent frustrating experience with an appliance repair company.

Joe had this company come over to his house and replace a burnt out heating element in his clothes dryer. While the dryer was all apart and Joe was observing the technician work on it, he noticed lint inside the casing of the dryer.

Joe asked the guy to wait a minute before reassembling the dryer so he could get his vacuum cleaner and get rid of the lint. The service technician refused to let Joe do this simple maintenance and told him to call the office

of his service company and schedule another technician to come over and clean it. The cost would be an additional \$65.

It appears that they do things different in Washington D.C. I told Joe to take the guy to court. It's called "double dipping."

Backing up the column on dryer vent line, I received this e-mail from James Haupt who wrote: "I thought I would share with you my recent dryer-vent experience. I wanted to offer my first-hand testimonial of the message you have been sending to your listeners and readers regarding the dryer-vent safety issue. This past week, my girlfriend and I were visiting with her parents when they mentioned changing their dryer vent. They did not say how long it had been since they last changed it but stated that their dryer had been acting up and the dryer vent may have been the cause of the problem.

While I was there, they pulled the dryer from the wall and detached the dryer vent to inspect the situation. Joe, I do not exaggerate when I say that a skilled person could have knitted a quilt from the amount of debris that was choking the dryer vent. Not only was the dryer-vent full of debris, the

vent itself was made of plastic! Shocked at the potential danger of this situation, I mentioned that Joe Gagnon recommends to his readers and listeners that they install a solid aluminum dryer-vent in order to keep this type of potential hazard from escalating to something more serious.

I must say Joe, after witnessing first hand this type of situation I rushed over to my parent's house and replaced the dryer vent even though it was nowhere near as congested as the one I had just seen. The only tool I needed to accomplish this task was with the help of a screwdriver to loosen and re-tighten the vent clamps.

Believe me when I say the short trip to the hardware store and the small amount of cash needed to complete the job was well worth the peace of mind received knowing that a potential fire hazard has been completely avoided."

Thank you James for helping me help others. Stay tuned.

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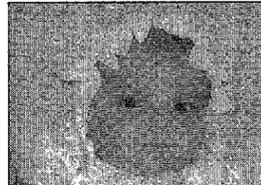
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**BIRTH**



**Cipolla**  
Dave and Lindsay Cipolla of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter, Lilianna Grace Cipolla, born April 18, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins sister Lynette, 2. Her grandparents are Jerry and Renee D'Ortenzio of Livonia; Frank and Jeanette Cipolla of Canton; Sam and Mary D'Ortenzio of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; Vivienne Melnik of Livonia and John Cipolla of Gladwin, Mich.

**ANNIVERSARY**

**Krogol-Balogh**  
Daniel Balogh and Melissa Jay (Krogol) Balogh are celebrating 10 years of marriage this August.  
The couple wed Aug. 1 at the Church of Christ in Southgate. They have lived in Canton for nine years and have two children, Jaylen, 13, and Ethan, 9. Daniel works for Ford Motor Company and Melissa owns Cleaner Image Cleaning Services, Inc. The couple enjoys spending time with family, watching their children play sports, traveling, golfing, shopping, working out and watching television together. They are planning to celebrate the anniversary with a trip to Mexico or the Caribbean.



**ENGAGEMENTS**

**Janes-Lucas**  
Margaret Rose Janes and Matthew Aaron Lucas will be married in July at the Pine Knob Mansion in Clarkston, Michigan. Maggie is the daughter of Joseph and Judith Janes of Oakland Township. She graduated from Michigan State University with a BA in International Relations and received a Masters in Public Health from Tulane University in New Orleans. Maggie is employed by Public Health Solutions in New York City.  
Matt is the son of Charles and Kenyann Lucas of Texarkana, Texas. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University where he received a BBA in Business Management. Matt resides in NYC where he is studying for his Masters in International Relations.  
Both are returned Peace Corp Volunteers who served in West Africa. The couple will make their home in New York City after the wedding.

**Harris-Truchan**  
Eleanor Harris of Westland announces the engagement of her daughter Melinda Lee Harris of Garden City to Brian Michael Truchan, son of Greg and Alice Truchan of Pinckney. Melinda, also daughter to the late Tommie Harris, attended John Glen High School and graduated from Nankin Mills Senior High School. She is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and has worked for Airport Services at Detroit Metro Airport's Berry Terminal for the past nine years. She is also a full-time caregiver in the Companionship Program, which is affiliated with Community Living Services. Brian works for CDI Corporation and is an



avid golfer. Throughout their courtship, he has been teaching Melinda how to golf. The couple were engaged May 6 in Las Vegas. A 2009 wedding is being planned.

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**Anzalone-Rosemary**  
Charles and Janice Anzalone of Howell and formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter Nicole Marie, to Christopher Alex Rosemary, son of Alex Jr. and Susann Rosemary of Farmington Hills.  
Nicole is a Stevenson High School and Eastern Michigan University graduate. She is currently a special education teacher at Treeline Elementary School in Fort Myers, Fla. Christopher is a Harrison High School graduate and currently works as a retail sales consultant with AT&T in Fort Myers, Fla.  
The couple is planning an August 2008 wedding at St.



Sabina Church in Dearborn Heights and a reception will follow at the Italian American Club in Livonia. They will make their home in Ft. Myers, Fla.



**Grace-Stokan**  
The Grace Family of Ann Arbor announces the engagement of Rebecca Grace to Eric Stokan of Sterling Heights. Rebecca is pursuing her graduate degree in economics at Wayne State University and Eric is seeking his graduate degree in political science at Wayne State University. The couple has yet to choose a wedding date.

**Dupuy-Mancuso**  
Linda and Milton Dupuy of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter Kayla to Christopher Mancuso, son of Rose and Peter Brown of Troy. Kayla earned her bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in philosophy at Eastern Michigan University. Christopher graduated with a double major in political science and economics. He works as an investment banker at a private firm in Detroit.  
The couple is planning a



Valentine's Day wedding in Plymouth in 2009.

**Polisano-Davis**  
Anthony and Joanne Polisano of Wixom announce the engagement of their daughter Jayne to Ernest James Davis of Livonia. He is the son of Jim and Sue Davis of Lake Placid, Fla. Jayne earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University. She works as a human resources manager for NLB Corp. in Wixom. Ernest is a graduate of Vincennes University in Indiana. He works as a maintenance technician for Northwest Airlines. The couple is planning an Aug. 16 wedding at Brentwood Golf Club & Banquet Center in White Lake.

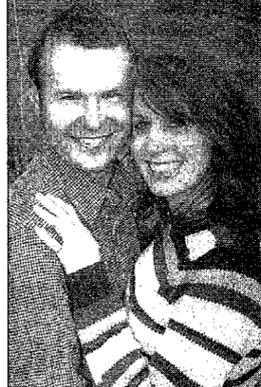


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Jeffrey and Arlene Moraitis of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachael Macie Moraitis of Westland to James Reed Gorney of Westland. He is the son of Francie Gorney of Canton and John Gorney of Canton.  
Rachael is a 2000 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and earned her master's degree in biology from Wayne State University. She works as a medical imaging analyst at Thermo-Scan in Birmingham. James is a 2000 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and works as an entrepreneur and as hockey director at Total Sports in Wixom.



The couple are planning a May 16 wedding at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth and a reception at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia.

**Matheny-Gaden**  
Jeff and Lynn Matheny of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Milyne to Charles Gaden Jr. of Rockaway. He is the son of C. Richard and Sheila Gaden of Rockaway. Milyne is a graduate of Canton High School and Eastern Michigan University. She works as a manager at Limited Too in Livonia. Charles is a graduate of Kettering University and works as an engineer for the U.S. Army. The couple are planning an Oct. 25 wedding at St. James Catholic Church.



**Kronk-O'Shea**  
Phil and Kathy Kronk of Livonia are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Louise Kronk, to Timothy Ryan O'Shea, son of Mike and Sandy O'Shea of Northville and George and Gail Stoll of Saline. The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia and currently works as an attorney in Southfield. Timothy is a 1997 graduate of Brother Rice High School and works as director of services for MT Services Inc. in Plymouth. The couple is planning an August wedding. They will make their home in Plymouth.

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**OSCAR DeMOSS, Sr.**  
Age 71, born April 6, 1937 in Nashville, TN, passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 6, 2008 after suffering a massive stroke. His beloved wife Linda survives him. He was a loving father to ten children: five sons, Uryul, Leonard, Aaron, Oscar Jr. (Lakeisha), and Anthony; and five daughters, Zenovia Walker (Michael), Rovita, Veronica, Nina Townsend (P. Joseph), and Tiwanna, plus numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived in life by his older brother Charles DeMoss of Nashville, TN. Long-term resident of Southfield, MI, Oscar Sr. faithfully served his country in the United States Army. He was a Korean War Veteran and a 32nd degree Mason. Funeral services will be held Monday, July 14 at Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, 15125 Burt Rd., Detroit, MI 48223. Flowers, cards and condolences can be sent to James H. Cole Home for Funerals, 2624 West Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208.

**MARION "Tommy" PATERSON FISCHER**  
Born May 25, 1914 to Edmund and Marjorie Paterson of Detroit and passed away peacefully June 14, 2008. Tommy grew up in Detroit graduating from Liggett High School and the University of Michigan where she was a member of Alpha Phi. She married Carl Fischer and they spent their working lives in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Tommy was a wonderful wife and mother and, with her strong support, was a major asset to Carl's successful business career. Tommy was a member of the Junior League and was active in the golf community at Oakland Hills Country Club as well as Bloomfield Hills Country Club. Carl and Tommy retired to Vero Beach, Florida where they were one of the early members of the John's Island Golf Club. Tommy was preceded in death by her loving husband Carl, (1999) and will be missed greatly by her children Carl Fischer of Stuart, FL, Nancy Kay of Pittsburgh, PA and Corinne Stolz of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family has requested contributions to University of Michigan Alumni Assn, Att: James Spies 200 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 Or Hospice of the Treasure Coast, 1201 SE Indian Street, Stuart, FL 34997. Arrangements has been entrusted to Strunk Funeral Homes and Crematory, Vero Beach.

**JANE ANN KEPHART (Donnelley, DeLano)**  
Formerly of Livonia entered Heaven's Gate on May 20, 2008. She is survived by daughters: Marianne (Steven) DeLano of Jackson, MI and Deborah (James) O'Leary of Royal Oak, MI; grandchildren Elizabeth Cletcher of Jackson, Jack and Janet O'Leary of Royal Oak; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial Service at Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church, 120 E. Main St, Spring Arbor, MI on July 19, 2008 at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations to help defray funeral costs.

**DOROTHY KURTZ**  
Age 85, of Livonia, MI, passed away July 7, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

**LLOYD W. MILLER Sr.**  
Of Westland, MI. Age 74, passed away Monday, July 7, 2008. He was born July 9, 1933 in Pottsville, PA, the son of William H. and Elmira P. (Martz) Miller. Survivors include: his wife, Margaret; one daughter, Monique (Mark) Caswell; one son, Lloyd Jr., four grandchildren, Emily, Wyatt, Aaron and Craig; one sister, Jeanette (George) Vought; and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Lorie and three brothers, Robert, James and Lyman. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Contributions in Lloyd's memory may be made to Mark and Allison Beaver Medical Fund, c/o Chris Lickman, 1549 Singer Road, Reading, PA 19610. Arrangements by Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel. Please sign his guest book at: [www.starkfuneral.com](http://www.starkfuneral.com).

**FLORENCE H. RABIOR**  
Age 95, of Farmington, MI, passed away July 7, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

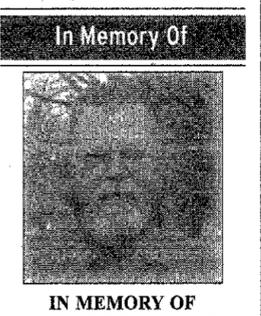
**IRENE E. SHERIDAN**  
Dec 18, 1929 - June 30, 2008. Irene went home to Heaven to start her eternal life with Jesus, her late husband Kenny and a host of friends and family. She leaves behind six brothers & sisters; her children Pam Blanchard (Steve), Deborah Smith (Dan) & Patrick Sheridan (Cheryl); grandchildren Deedee, Lisa, Cheryl, Casey, Kelli, Kendall, Kayla, Colin, Aaron & Tyler; great-grandchildren Ashley, Emma, Hanna, Gavin, Owen & Ashton. She will be sadly missed by all of us. Come join us as we celebrate her life with a memorial being held at Harvest Christian Church in Detroit on Thurs. July 17th at 11 am.

**JOSEPH H. SMITH**  
July 9, 2008 age 83. Beloved husband of the late Mae Post and previously the late Marge. Dear brother of Betty Hall and Shirley Brown, the late Robert, Ned, Wanda, Martha, Donald and Helen. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Dear friend of Roger and Phyllis Barrette. Member of Local 98 Plumbers for 50 years. Member of Grand Lodge #569 F & AM for 50 years. WWII Navy Veteran. Funeral was Saturday 10 am at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howepeterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Ave. Visitation was Friday 2-9 pm. Architect-University Lodge #569 Service was 7 pm. Memorials suggested to American Heart/Stroke Association.

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**ELSIE VIRGINIA STRONG**  
Of Farmington Hills, Michigan. Passed away Tuesday, June 24, 2008. Elsie was born August 26, 1926 in Farmington, Michigan, the daughter of Helen and Charles Clark and was a lifelong resident of the Detroit area. Surviving are her children, Mark (Lynda) of Aptos, CA, Terry (Lisa) of Climax, MI, Dennis (Kelsie) of Woods Cross, UT, Jeff (Debbie) of Prairie du Sac, WI, and Rex (Cynthia) of Farmington Hills, MI and sister Eleanor Hornbrook of Sanibel Island, Florida. She was blessed with 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a large extended family that surrounded her throughout her life. Elsie was predeceased by her husband Jim, sister Margaret House, half-brothers Lewis Layton, Floyd Layton, Charles Layton, and grandson Joshua Strong. Elsie loved bowling, golfing, playing cards, travel and her family. She was greatly loved by all and will truly be missed. Family and friends will gather together and celebrate her life: Sat., July 26, 2008 at 11:30am to 4pm. Refreshments at 1:30pm Embassy Suites Hotel, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia, MI. Memorials in Elsie's memory may be directed to: COPD Foundation, 2937 S.W. 27th Ave. Suite 302, Miami, FL 33133 [www.copdfoundation.org/donate](http://www.copdfoundation.org/donate)

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## B2B OFFERINGS, MARKETING IN THE NEW BALL GAME



**WORKWISE**

by Mildred L. Culp

You're about to be playing in an entirely new ball game if you've been marketing almost exclusively to baby boomers B2B -- unless you have a timeless product or service. Their massive base of potential customers could be ill for your product, your service or your marketing efforts unless you make some significant changes. Don't be the last to notice.

To gain an overview of the coming trend, begin by reading the entertaining, inspiring new book, "The Age Curve: How to Profit from the Coming Demographic Storm," by Kenneth Gronbach (Amacom, \$24.95). Gronbach, of KGC Direct L.L.C., in Haddam, Conn., specializes in generational marketing.

One of the book's most compelling mantras is that Gen X (a.k.a. Echo Boomers and Millennials) has nine million too few members -- or 11 percent -- to replace the 78 million-member Baby Boom. From a demographic standpoint, the most opportunities in B2B marketing will be to Gen Y (1985-present), which will expand to 100 million by 2010. That means that most B2B business owners still have time to plan how to adjust or replace their product/service/marketing strategy.

### PRODUCT/SERVICE

How can you make your product or service appeal to

the values of Gen Y? Hudson, Fla.'s Michele DeKinder-Smith, who founded the online company JaneOutOfTheBox.com, reports that "Gen Y B2B customers are like all Gen Yers." Connections with:

- environmentalism/sustainability,
- the community,
- social responsibility (including humanitarian issues),
- the Internet

are essential, according to Andy Hines, futurist in the Houston office of Social Technologies L.L.C., which is headquartered in Washington, D.C. Hines states that Gen Y's questions are geared to obtaining tangible results, such as "How do we make the community a better place, the environment safer? What do we do to translate into people getting more food?"

These customers also want their lives to be better. That means that products and services that promote work/life balance will be in demand, says DeKinder-Smith. "Gen Y wants to be free to pursue their personal goals and/or get out of the office to pursue their lives," she states. Making your product or service easy to talk about will help tremendously in developing your market.

### MARKETING

For this generation, the rules of marketing will be changing. Steven Kleber of the Atlanta marketing firm Kleber & Associates Inc., has 15 employees, of whom six are Gen Y. He mentions that this cohort "wants to develop solutions and change (and is) all too often disrespected from a marketers' point of view as quirky and atypical. They're go-getters who want to be seen, heard and valued. Take them by their own terms."

DeKinder-Smith points out that for some members of the cohort, "marketing can get in the way, particularly if it's misleading or exaggerated. They're very accustomed to doing their own research, relying on word of mouth and validation from peer groups to help them make intelligent decisions."

Eric Papp of Tampa's Generation Y Results-Based Consulting L.L.C. agrees. He advises you to:

- convey integrity in your brand, product, service and advertising;
- promote instant gratification and rapid delivery; and
- for power, use "word of mouth (so that) Gen Y talks to Gen Y."

Drew Stevens of Stevens Consulting Group L.L.C., in Eureka, Mo., which specializes in sales and customer service, points out that you'll probably need to change your method of communication to "succinctness. Be brief and relate to trends." He adds that individuals might request a Web site or blog for further information. Kleber indicates that his firm's Gen Y clients prefer B2B "distribution through mobile messaging, social media and e-marketing. They're not just 9-to-5ers. Their technology is on nearly 24 hours a day."

However, Hines maintains that while "technology for them is a first language, they don't bother with it if it's not useful." It's part of the fabric of their lives.

So how do you market? Here's what these people say:

- "Bring in a Gen Y intern to mentor you" (Hines).
- "Forming focus groups to identify customer needs can lead to developing additional products and services growing



Credit: Kleber & Associates Inc.

The "Inspiration Room" at Kleber & Associates Inc., in Atlanta, showcases a variety of icons that define Gen Y, from MySpace and iPhone to organic foods. They convey the generation's characteristic multitasking and drive for instant gratification. Some of the icons appear here in a montage.

from your current line-up" (Stevens).

- "Tell a green or humanitarian story that reflects the sum and substance of what you're about" (Gronbach).

- "Use social media spaces and environments they enjoy, like YouTube, to communicate in-depth product knowledge in an engaging way" (DeKinder-Smith).

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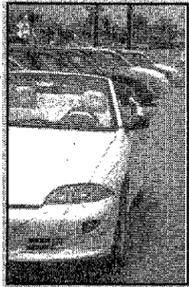
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## Ford F-350 Super Duty Sets A New Standard

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By Wendy Clem  
Avanti NewsFeatures

The 2008 FORD F-350 4X4 Super Duty FX4 diesel truck can have all the bells and whistles added to it, and the bonus is that it also comes in bright Red Clear-Coat paint finish, reminiscent of a big and robust fire engine. The only thing missing is the siren.

Get geared up to do justice when squiring the F-350 around town, and get ready for a challenge when trying to park it in a mere parking lot or driveway. Be prepared to take up to two spots for this big 'un; it's a power to be reckoned with.

This is the must-have for hauling, too. With a 12.5K trailer tow hitch - added to more possible weight to be hauled in the bed -- and a standard towing package, Ford also offers an extra heavy-duty alternator and traction control, which adds to the good news. You'll be surprised at how much you can transport.

Also, go for the extra of the reverse vehicle aid sensor. You will need it with this very long truck.

Another plus as you tool down the highway: Other vehicles get out of your way. You know those people who taunt by edging out of driveways, and seem poised to bolt in front of you and test your airbag efficiency?

You won't encounter them when in this F-350. They seem to acknowledge, and respect, Ford's muscle-in-truck-form, and act as if you ARE a fire engine - or at least a police cruiser -- by shrinking back.

One advantage to this truck is its unusual quiet, from both outside interruptions and during inside conversations.

One disadvantage is that if you are on the shorter side, expect the same strangling sensation so common in vehicles for the seat belts. Why can't the industry get THIS right?!

Predominantly an off-road 4X4, the Super Duty FX4 has the same features as the standard models, but incorporates better shocks, skid plates that protect the transfer case and fuel tank, and 18-inch wheels with all-terrain tires, among additional features. At 350 horsepower, this truck has 650 foot pounds of torque. The 6.4-liter V-8 diesel adds to the hefty



Ford gets high marks for its much improved and luxurious F-350 Super Duty 4X4 Crewcab FX4, with a roomy and quiet interior, and ability to tow up to 30,000 pounds.

package that is the Ford F-series, and you won't feel comfortable unless you are immersed in the whole must-play-Toby-Keith-music, too. In fact, I suspect it's a law somewhere.

Twin-turbo Power Stroke with piezo fuel injectors replaces previous engines, and is proving to be amply successful.

Probably one of the more unique features of this truck is the side mirror, which is divided into two segments on each side of the vehicle. Power-driven, the top mirror provides the normal, blind-spot viewing area, while the bottom one is a minor miracle-worker. It gives an amazingly accurate view of the road, and at enough of a distance to also change lanes safely. Just ask for the Powerscope trailer tow mirror.

You might be tempted to fill up the truck bed with water, and laze in the sun while viewing a movie on the DVD player in the rear seat. But there are classier ways to use your F-350.

As soon as you enter and turn the key, the very proficient standard air-conditioner is instantly cool, a wonderful relief on stifling days. Optional features like Sirius radio, the navigation system - along with the Audiophile system for navigation - further enhance the front, which also sports a standard AM/FM single CD/MP3 player.

The standard rubber mats over black carpet provide flexibility in the long haul, and are a good match for the available molded black cab steps and tailgate step to access the bed easily. There is also an optional stowable bed extender.

It's worth mentioning the 30.5-gallon fuel tank, although the sheer size of the F-350 itself precludes its having to be rated for EPA fuel economy. With diesel, the mileage results are a bit more encouraging

than with other models; my experience was about 15 miles to the gallon in the city, and almost 17 per gallon on the highway.

Some of the Super Duties come equipped with another \$20,000 in options, including features ranging from power additions to luxury extras that take the F-350 into a whole different class of trucks. The primary truck, without options, comes in at under \$37,000.

Heated seats can be ordered, as can a 6-way power driver's seat and leather captain's chairs. The rear bench is spacious, and can be folded down; its 60/40 flexibility is standard. The option of a rear-sliding window makes it even comfier when the air is off.

The center console is generous for storage, and joins the numerous features that give this vehicle more of a luxury than a truck feel. Instrument dials are easily visible and handy, with less of a plastic feel and more of a leather aura.

A locking removable lift-gate with a lift assist is another standard item, and gets considerable attention from the public, which finds it an attractive addition.

Whether you feel the need to rush to a fire or not, this is what you need for effective hauling, quiet power and a new level in trucks.

Ford has improved on this model with great success, in this third generation of the Super Duties. They really have it right for 2008.

2008 Ford F-350 Super Duty 4X4 Crewcab FX4 Vehicle class: Full-sized pick-up truck. Power: 6.4-liter V8 engine.

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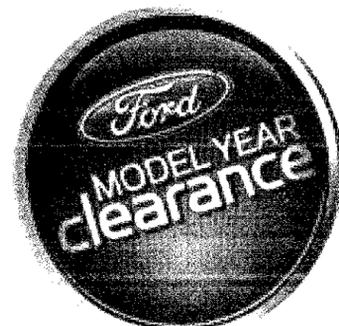


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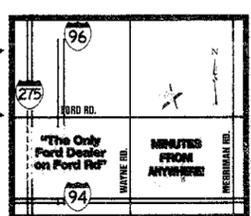
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